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EARS adopt-a-thon on Dearborn Street

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EARS advisory board member Dawn Penwell, checks up on the cat cages at the EARS adopt-a-thon on Dearborn Street Saturday.



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The EARS adopt-a-thon on Dearborn Street had something for all to enjoy on Saturday afternoon. From live entertainment to clowns for the kids, the event drew a crowd of pet-seekers looking to add a furry friend to their homes.

Pat Yager from Garden Art & Forever Memories had a table displaying samples of her work. She took orders for hand-made pet memory stones, and donated a portion of the proceeds to EARS. The former Michigan resident said she enjoys helping out at EARS fundraisers as well as the Suncoast Humane Society.

"I have a permanent table setup at the Suncoast Humane Society, and a percentage of all my sales go toward each organization."

Yager held a memory stone she created of "Bear," a Charlotte County

K-9 dog that was killed in the line of duty.

"I made one of these for the deputy that owned the dog," she said.

Richard Witherill, owner of P.A.W.S. Doggy Daycare, was on-site to clip pets' nails for a donation to EARS.

EARS advisory board member Dawn Penwell said the turnout was "pretty good."

"There was a good amount of people that showed up today, I think it was a success," Penwell said.

Volunteer Chris Engels said there are many animals still available for adoption.

"We have some very playful and energetic dogs just waiting for a new home," Engels said.

The next fundraising adopt-a-thon event is planned to take place in the spring.

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Paul Cottrell provided live entertainment. For more information on his music, visit www.seriousfun.us



ABOVE: Rusty Penwell, a volunteer at EARS, sits with Tara.



LEFT: This is Nalla, one of the dogs available for adoption at the EARS event on Saturday afternoon. Oh what a face!



Pat Yager from Garden Art & Forever Memories had a table displaying samples of her work. She is pictured here holding a memory stone she created of "Bear," a former police dog killed in the line of duty.

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EARS volunteer