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Critter Classic Raises $35,000 to Help Homeless Animals

144 golfers waited out a 30 minute thunder and lightning threat and then played the 18 hole course at prestigious Riverwood Golf Club, in support of Suncoast Humane Society’s 8th annual Critter Classic on April 16, 2016.

The golf scramble was followed with a delicious lunch buffet, gads of raffle items and oodles of door prizes.

Modern Woodman of America Fraternal Financial was the events title sponsor, while many area merchants and individuals sponsored Gold Tee, Silver Tee, Breakfast, Lunch, Beverage Carts, 19th Hole and Holes in One.

Suncoast Humane Society executive director, Phil Snyder, stated: “This was a fun filled event and a very important fund raiser. Donors and friends helped raised over $35,000 to benefit our programs, services and the homeless animals we serve. A special thank you to everyone that helped make it possible.”

For more information, contact Suncoast Humane Society at 941-474-7884, visit www.humane.org, or stop by their adoption center at 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood.

Suncoast Humane Society has been serving animals and people since 1971. Founded as Englewood Animal Aid Society, the organization’s services and programs were soon challenged to meet the demands placed on them by the pet over-population crises.

Expansions to their facility in Englewood during the 1980s and 1990s helped the Society to more effectively provide for a growing service area. To reflect the changes, the organization became Suncoast
Humane Society. Today their service area includes Charlotte County, most of Sarasota County, and the Boca Grande portion of Lee County, a total of over 450 square miles.

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Photos provided by Suncoast Humane Society.

5 month old Evelyn Ludlam now has a 6 foot tall Vermont Teddy Bear friend thanks to her grandmother Cathi Porasik beating out the competition at auction during the post tournament luncheon.

Golfers at the tournament trying their luck at the raffle.
Dedicated Suncoast Humane Society volunteers Miriam Bjurman, Jan Puryear and Tasha Gray having fun working the raffle table.

Local artist and Suncoast Humane Society Volunteer Johan Bjurman donated his time and talent to paint a pet portrait for a lucky raffle winner.
The event participants had their choice of quality raffle items generously donated by local businesses and individuals.

Golfers Arlene McNulty, Bob Chin, Pat Callanan and Paul Callanan take a break from the scramble to smile for the camera.