

PANHellenic PUPPY PLAYTIME

This year, the first ever Panhellenic Puppy Playtime fundraiser benefitting the Phoenix Animal Rescue was held on April 9. This fundraiser consisted of a donation jar given to each sorority house, with the house raising the most money receiving an hour "puppy party" in their front yard.

The Phoenix Animal Rescue is a volunteer-run, nonprofit, no-kill animal rescue group in Gainesville. All the donations went directly to Phoenix Animal Rescue, paying for vet bills, purchase training equipment and provide care for all of the shelter's animals.

Points were tallied through cash donations, the amount of shares on the Facebook event page and the amount of shares on the donation link. The winner of the puppy playtime was Delta Gamma, with Kappa Alpha Theta coming in second and Sigma Kappa taking third.

On the afternoon of April 9, the pets and members of the



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animal rescue arrived at the front lawn of Delta Gamma and girls gathered outside to play with the puppies and enjoy cookie cake.

"Having the puppies in our front yard was really fun but also chaotic. I loved seeing and petting all of them, but it was crazy watching all of them run around," said sophomore Alex Herndon of Delta Gamma.

"I think it was a little different then I expected because most of the puppies were huge and there were definitely more dogs than I thought there would be," said Herndon.

Although it may have been a little hectic and new at first, playing with the dogs and talking to the volunteers helped the girls get a better understanding of what the organization does and how bad these animals need good homes.

"It really just made me want to take them all home and spoil them like I do to my own dog," said Herndon.

The fundraiser seemed to be a success, with puppies and humans alike having a good time.

"Overall it was a really cool fundraiser. Everyone loves puppies, and I know a lot of girls were really excited for the event. I would definitely want to participate next year," said Herndon.

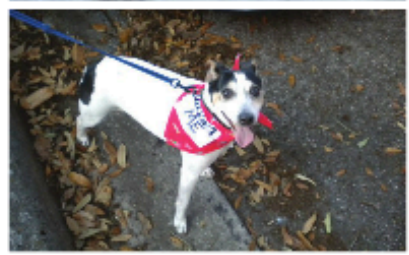


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