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Photos: From pups to partners, SPCA holds animal weddings

The event was used to raise money to support animals at the Nancy's Field shelter in Largo.

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Tampa Bay residents and their pets flocked to Largo on Saturday to tie the knot.

Well, more like tie the leash.



Bentley, 8, sits in a bowtie during a pet wedding ceremony at SPCA Tampa Bay in Largo, Fla. on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2019. Bentley and his owner Larrielle Paylor, 28, found the happy couple at a Chihuahua group that meets weekly. TAILYR IRVINE | Times

In the spirit of raising money to ensure shelter for orphaned animals and provide programs for their adoption, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals hosted wedding-like ceremonies for animals throughout the afternoon.

Similar to their human counterparts — albeit, not as expensive — attendees could purchase wedding packages that ranged from \$30-\$100 that included a wedding time slot, checklist, save-the-date card (digital), post-nuptials toast, marriage “license” and a chance to win a honeymoon package.



Lynne Tonte, 56, of Wesley Chapel, pushes her dog Fifi, 12, down the aisle during a pet wedding ceremony at SPCA Tampa Bay in Largo, Fla. on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2019. TAILYR IRVINE | Times

After “I dos” were barked and licks shared, attendees finished off the ceremonies with a sparkling cider toast and photo-booth pictures.



A dog wedding cake sits on a table during a pet wedding ceremony at SPCA Tampa Bay in Largo, Fla. on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2019. TAILYR IRVINE | Times

The event was held at SPCA's shelter off of 30th Ave. N. in Largo. According to its web site, the shelter cares for more than 8,000 animals annually that have been surrendered by their owners, along with injured wildlife. It is the only non-profit animal welfare agency that runs an open-admission animal shelter, pet training facility and public veterinary center in Pinellas County.

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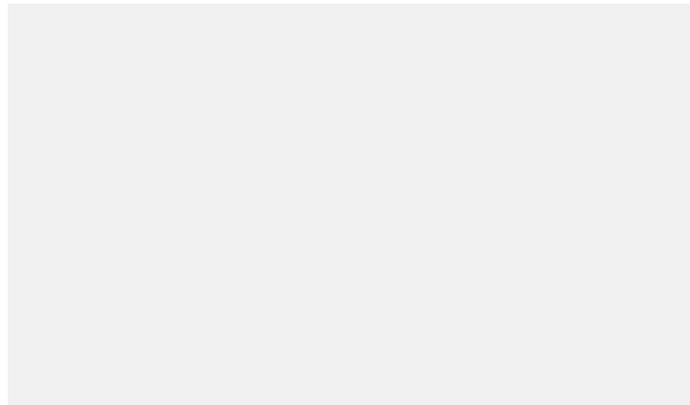
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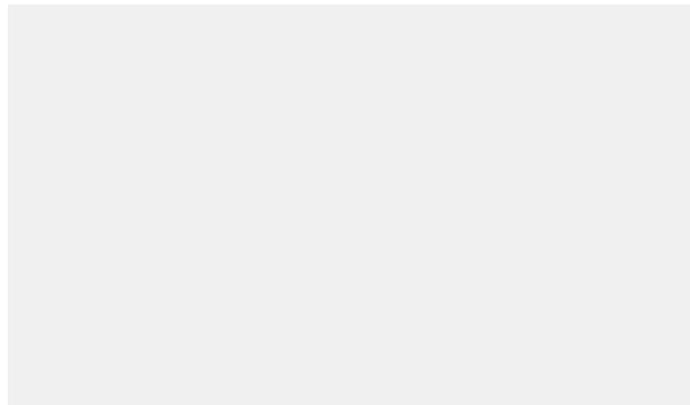


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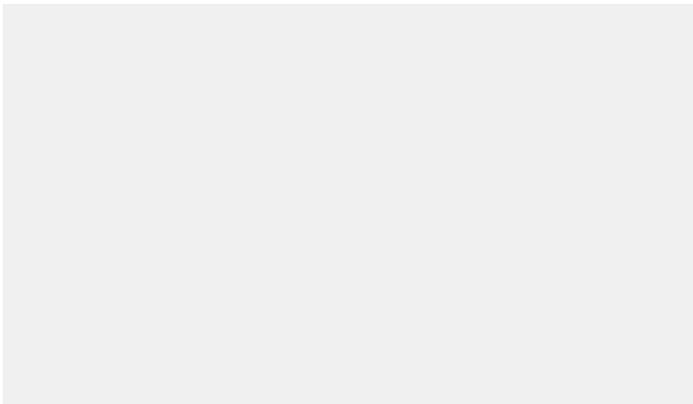
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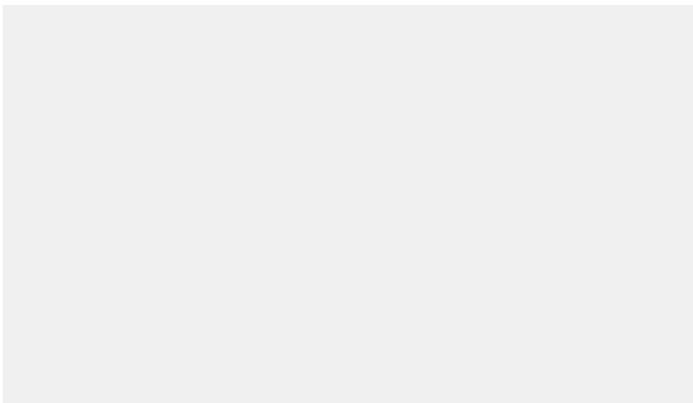
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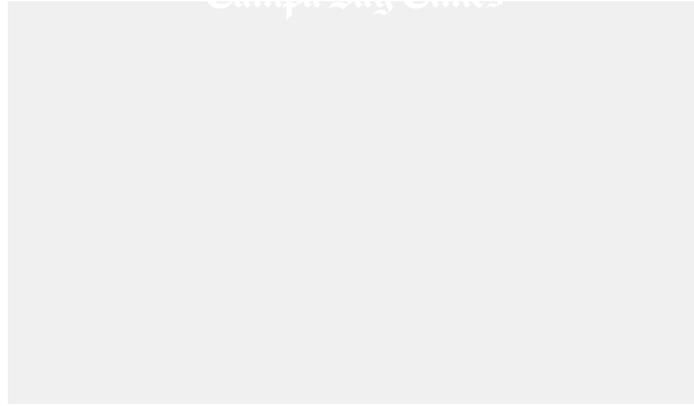
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