



# June Adoption Special

Adopt an adult cat in June and get a buddy free. Two cats have more fun than one! Or, get half off the adoption fee for one adult cat.

*The offer is valid at SPCA Florida and adoption partners for the first 50 adopted cats age 7 months and older.*

## Keep Their Hearts Beating



Give a one-time or monthly recurring gift today: [www.spcafloida.org/lifeline](http://www.spcafloida.org/lifeline)

Funds go directly to help dogs and cats like Rambo and Noodle.

Thank you for your support!

Keep Their Hearts Beating!  
2021 Charity Honor Roll



Annual Report  
2020



### 29th Annual Walk for Animals 2021

SPCA FLORIDA



Join us for a fun day!  
Lake Mirror Promenade  
121 S. Lake Ave in Lakeland  
June 5, 9 AM to 12 PM



- Activities Include:**
- Group Walk around Lake Mirror
  - Wonderful Prizes
  - Games and Fun
  - K-9 Demonstrations
  - Dog Costume Contest
  - Entertaining Performances



[www.spcafloida.org/walk](http://www.spcafloida.org/walk)

## Charity Honor Roll and Annual Report

To receive your free copies, e-mail Sandra at [SDawson@spcaflorida.org](mailto:SDawson@spcaflorida.org) or call 863-577-4600.

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### Adoption by Appointment

SPCA Florida's Adoption Center still works on an appointment system. Go to [spcaflorida.org/appointment](http://spcaflorida.org/appointment) or call 863-577-4615 to schedule a time to visit the cats and dogs!

5850 Brannen Road S.  
Lakeland, FL 33813  
863-646-7722

Adoption Center  
Mon - Fri 11 AM to 6 PM  
Sat - Sun 11 AM to 5 PM

SPCA Florida  
Medical Center  
Mon - Sat 7:30 AM to 4 PM



[www.spcafloida.org](http://www.spcafloida.org)

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for the love of animals



# Polk County is NO-KILL for Dogs, first time ever!

SPCA Florida works closely with Polk County Animal Control, and we have good news.

In January and February 2021, more than 90% of homeless dogs at Polk County Animal Control were adopted or transferred to no-kill facilities.

Please adopt, don't shop. Let's keep the momentum going!



## Best Friends Furever

To help more pets find homes, we will have an adoption special every month from June through December 2021! The first one starts June 1: adopt a cat and get a buddy for free. Or, get half-off the adoption fee of one cat.

The offer is valid for the first 50 cats adopted out in June age 7 months and older.

Adopt from SPCA Florida's Adoption Center at 5850 Brannen Rd S in Lakeland, or one of our partners:

- Petco, 4139 US Hwy 98, Lakeland
- PetSmart, 919 Lakeland Park Center Dr, Unit 380, Lakeland
- Petsense, 5291 US Highway 98 S, Lakeland
- Orlando Cat Cafe, 532 Cagan Park Ave, Suite 201-203, Clermont

# Rambo, from Rags to Riches

*A story from which movies are made and foster parents revered.*

Rambo's dad loved him. But when he had to go the hospital and didn't return, Rambo found himself alone, tethered to a tree in the back yard with a chain around his neck. During the night a pack of dogs found him and with no help in sight, Rambo lost the fight. By morning he lay motionless on the ground, unable to walk, with the chain that bound him embedded in his neck from trying to get away.

Rambo's "round two" began as he was carried into SPCA Florida's Medical Center. His head was abnormally large from swelling, and the immediate concern was cutting the chain from his neck. He also had multiple open flesh wounds from head to tail. Yet, he said nothing as the medical team worked to stabilize him.

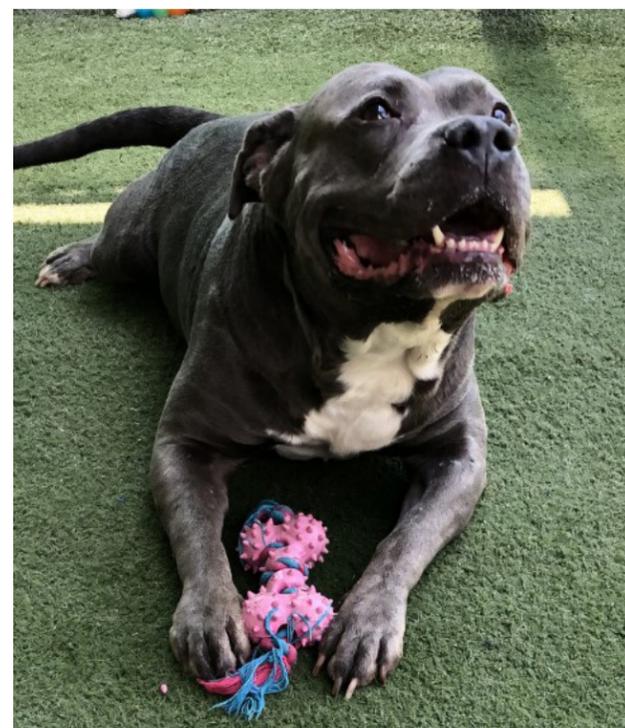
The open wounds needed to drain and couldn't be closed, and Rambo needed a quiet place to heal, both mind and body. A foster family welcomed him to their home.

Round three, Rambo would not eat. The foster family worked to lift his spirits and encourage him to live through lying beside him in his new oversized bed, providing treats, chicken, toys, and lots of love. It took several days and a formula of "chicken soup" to start his healing process, inside and out.

Two surgeries and eight weeks of loving care later, Rambo was back on his paws with a new-found voice and a lot to say. The attack left him with a condition that causes him to occasionally topple over, but like in the movies, Rambo came out a winner.

The foster family adopted the wiggle-butt with his great, big happy smile. And as it turns out, Rambo loves everyone, including his new four-footed brothers and sisters.

If you wonder if Rambo's new life is great, just look at his face. He is one happy boy!



## Our Thanks to Foster Parents

**Foster parents save lives, and you can too. Being a foster caregiver is a rewarding experience that makes a difference in the life of an animal who needs you.**

SPCA Florida provides training, supplies, and medical care. All you need is transportation, love, and a safe place in your home.

To become a life-changing foster for a few days or a few weeks, read more and sign up on [www.spcflorida.org/fostering](http://www.spcflorida.org/fostering) or call 863-577-4638.

# Fostering FAQ

*Have you thought about fostering, but aren't sure? Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions.*

## Will I need a lot of supplies to be a foster?

SPCA Florida provides all supplies needed. You just add love and care.

## Does fostering require a lot of space?

Not usually. We advise placing the foster in a secure and secluded location where they can get acclimated to their new environment a little at a time. It can be a guest room, a walk-in closet, or even a large bathroom.

## Does fostering take a lot of time?

The time requirement depends on the pet. Bottle babies for instance are a significant time commitment while an adult cat or dog requires less supervision. Discuss with the Foster Department before taking the pet home, to make sure your schedule will work for that particular foster's needs.

## Can I decide which animals to foster?

Foster families get access to SPCA Florida's Foster Website with listings of available animals. The listings show details such as whether medication is required, how long the foster stay is expected to be, and if there are any special requests. From here, you can register your interest to foster a specific pet or litter.

## Isn't it hard to give them back?

Bringing the foster pets back and seeing them being adopted by other families can be challenging. But that cat or dog will be alive and heading off to a bright new future thanks to you. Letting them go means you can take in and help another one. Also, not every pet is a perfect match for you and your family, and seeing them go to a happy home, knowing you made it possible, is a wonderful reward.

## How do I become a foster parent?

Go to [www.spcflorida.org/fostering](http://www.spcflorida.org/fostering) and click on "Apply." This will take you to our foster parent orientation with a link to the foster parent application.



## Noodle

Remember me? I was raised by three foster moms from when I was three days old. And now I've been adopted by a fourth mom!

Being adopted is pawsome. I hope every homeless pet will be as lucky as I am and find love.



## Maggie's DNA

Adopters often ask what breed their dog is, or what breed a dog on our website is. When Maggie was adopted, her new family decided to check her DNA.

The results? 11 different breeds, and 100% cute!