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SPCA Florida Can Win \$25,000 in the Next 24 hours With Your Help

The story of how a dog brought love into her new adoptive home wins special grant for SPCA Florida

Lakeland FL: All animal lovers can help make Holiday Wishes come true by voting in the next 24 hours for SPCA Florida's Holiday Wishes story at www.petcofoundation.org/holidaywishes. From now until December 20, 2019, the "People's Choice Award" will allow the public to vote for their favorite winning story and give the top five organizations the chance to receive grant funding from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Results of the "People's Choice Award" will be revealed before Christmas.

Adopter, Abi Duquette submitted a story about how her rescued dog, Luna, brings love and companionship into her home and on life's adventures. Abi's "love at first sight" story was selected as a winner and earned SPCA Florida a grant of \$5,000 from the Petco Foundation, as part of the 2019 Holiday Wishes campaign. It also gives SPCA Florida a chance to win an additional \$5,000 - \$25,000 dollars!

"If everyone who reads this article will take five minutes to vote, we can save additional lives this holiday season. We are not asking for money, we are asking for 5 minutes of your time, said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director, SPCA Florida. "The dog, cat, or kitten that you save by voting will live on to provide unconditional love in the New Year. Please take the time to vote. It's never been easier to save a life and change the destiny of a homeless animal," said Thayer.

This year, the Petco Foundation, in partnership with Petco and BOBS from Skechers, announced 105 Holiday Wishes grant recipients from across the country to support the year-round lifesaving efforts of these animal welfare organizations. Now in its 7th year, the [Holiday Wishes campaign](#), created to celebrate pet adoption and the spirit of giving during the holiday season, funds to help more pets find loving homes.

STORY BACKGROUND:

When Abi met Luna, it was love at first sight. Now her furry best friend is with her for every adventure, big or small.



View the full story, video and images here:

<https://www.petcofoundation.org/love-story/adopted-dog-finds-her-soulmates/>





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About the Petco Foundation

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$260 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Visit petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved.

About BOBS from Skechers

BOBS from Skechers' charitable collection of BOBS for Dogs and BOBS for Cats shoes, apparel and accessories have improved animals' lives: over the past four years, Skechers has contributed more than \$4.58 million to help more than 847,000 shelter pets, including saving more than 487,000 rescued pets in the United States. To learn more about BOBS from Skechers' commitment to making a difference, visit www.BOBSfromSkechers.com and follow the brand on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

About SPCA Florida

Founded in 1979, SPCA Florida is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Lakeland. Dedicated to improving the lives of pets and people in the community, SPCA Florida provides caring, compassion and hope to more than 6,000 homeless animals entering our doors each year. Open to the public, our McClurg Animal Medical Center is a state-of-the-art veterinary facility that heals and helps 50,000 patients annually. Thousands more pets and people are served through our community outreach and education programs.

