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### SPCA Florida’s Dr. Robyn Barton Voted Best Veterinarian in Lakeland

LAKELAND: Haven and LKLD Magazine’s Best Of votes are in; SPCA Florida’s Shelter Veterinarian, Dr Robyn Barton, has been voted Best Veterinarian in Lakeland! This is a people’s choice award. SPCA Florida is honored to have such a dedicated and skilled professional working to save animal’s lives every day in Polk County.

If you have adopted or fostered a pet from SPCA Florida in the past couple of years, Dr. Robyn Barton was their life-saving veterinarian. She tirelessly treats the sick, heals the wounded, and spays/neuters thousands of cats and dogs every year. In 2021, she spayed or neutered 2, 778 pets and performed 416 critical surgeries.

“Dr. Barton is mission driven and has the skills and expertise to save 96% of all the animals who came into our shelter last year,” said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director for SPCAF. “ “She is one of the most dedicated and talented Veterinarians I have ever met, and homeless animals in Polk County could not find a better life saving friend,” said Thayer.

Before coming to SPCA Florida, Dr. Barton spent almost six years in San Antonio as the Chief Veterinarian for the Animal Defense League of Texas.

SPCA Florida is dedicated to serving the animals and residents of Polk County.

SPCA Florida is asking for financial, foster, and adoption support. To help, go online at [www.spcaflorida.org](http://www.spcaflorida.org) and donate, foster or check out our adoptable dogs and cats.

**About SPCA Florida**

*Founded in 1979, SPCA Florida exists to eliminate animal suffering and engage the entire community in the welfare and well-being of animals. SPCA Florida will help and heal 20,000 dogs and cats through its SPCA Florida Animal Medical Center and provide direct care for 6,500 animals through its Adoption Center this year. Ani-Meals and Food Assistance Programs, provide food and medical care for animals of homebound families and families who need supplemental food for thousands of dogs and cats each year.*