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Adoption by Appointment

SPCA Florida’s Adoption Center works on an appointment system. Go to spcaflorida.org/appointment or call 863-577-4615 to schedule a time to visit the cats and dogs!

My Date was a Dog!

Publix Employees Federal Credit Union takes a dog on a date.
Tilly Has a New Closet

Systemic Lupus, rarely seen in cats, resulted in the lesions that wreaked havoc on Tilly’s little body when she arrived. Fever, lameness, and loss of appetite were also a problem.

Three medications, given morning and night, alleviated the symptoms but made her skin exceptionally thin. Simply scratching could create a wound. As a result, Tilly began to wear dresses. Her wardrobe progressed to hoodies, a pumpkin outfit for fall, a 3-legged Tucker. Publix shared that “Tucker loves to run around and play – he doesn’t let his disability stop him!”

Since his debut, Tucker quickly found his home and is going on endless dates. Bella Boo, featured on the cover, has also found her Happily Furever After.

Thank you, Publix Employees Federal Credit Union, for your commitment to our community’s animals.

Do you have a business and are interested in this program? Email us at jlevine@spcaflorida.org.

Do you want to go on a Doggie Date?

Dogs of all shapes, sizes, and ages are available, six months old and up. It’s a great opportunity to see what it’s like to have a dog, especially if you can’t have a pet of your own, or just want to hang out.

Doggie Dates allow the dogs to interact in spaces outside the adoption center. It helps relieve stress and gives them more exposure to potential adopters.

We provide everything you need for the date, including suggestions of things to do with your pup.

Read more and sign up at www.spcaflorida.org/doggiedate

A Case of Kittens in the Attic

Late one evening, Barbi Feldman of Vecchio, Carrier, Feldman & Johannessen, P.A. received an urgent call from a client. Investigating some unusual noises coming from the attic, the client discovered a scared mama cat and a litter of kittens. Being an animal lover, Barbi borrowed a trap from SPCA Florida and rushed to the scene. She determined that no crime had been committed, but the frightened mom ran away leaving hungry, malnourished kittens behind.

SPCA’s foster team administered fluids to the dehydrated kittens but a foster family was needed to provide care until the babies were old enough to be adopted. Barbi and her children volunteered. First stop however, was a mountain bike competition. Afterwards, the kittens were taken to the VCFJ Law Firm where staff and visitors were more than happy to provide loving care and attention.

The case wrapped up with a VCFJ Law Firm staff member adopting one of the kittens. Another baby, aptly named Bill, for billable hours, became the new office kitty. And efforts continue to secure mom and have her spayed. All of the kittens will be ready for adoption soon thanks to the Barbi Feldman family and everyone at VCFJ Attorneys at Law.

Barkin’ Bow Wows – The Trail is BACK

There’s no lack of tail wagging, now that volunteers can walk adoptable dogs on SPCAF’s Doggie Trail again.

But, finding the trail after a two-year hiatus took some doing. A big cat, machetes, chain saws, a handful of talented volunteers, along with a willing spirit were needed. The employees at CAPTRUST provided more than their usual investment advisory services: they created a refreshed and whimsical trail for both Critter Campers and shelter dogs to enjoy.

Four new benches were added, along with an updated “camper’s circle.” Wildlife figurines of squirrels, raccoons, owls, rabbits, tree toads, bird houses, totem poles, and messages of kindness also adorn the path. The overhaul took one year to complete, and the dogs are thrilled. Thank you, CAPTRUST for creating a peaceful world for kids and pups of all ages to enjoy!
Calendar Model Call
Show Us Your Pets!

Have you always thought your pet was meant for the spotlight, but just hasn’t had their big break yet? Now’s their chance for their big debut!

Your pet could be featured on a date of your choosing in the 2023 Lakeland Fire Department’s Rescued Pets Calendar through a $100 donation. 100% of proceeds go directly to SPCA Florida to help us continue our mission and rescue more pets.

Entering is easy: visit www.spcaflorida.org/calendar to make your donation and get instructions for submitting your photo. You can also pre-order your calendar for $10! Calendars usually arrive in October and you’ll be notified as soon as they are available for pick up. Or, cover the postage and we’ll mail it to you.

Guidelines:
- Only pets in the photos; no humans. You may have more than one animal in a photo.
- Domesticated pets only (cats, dogs, birds, horses, hamsters, iguanas, etc.)
- Remember to tell us your pet’s name.

Visit www.spcaflorida.org/calendar to get your day in the calendar, or place a calendar pre-order!

More Ways to Help
You can also make a difference by including your pet in the 2023 Firefighter Calendar, or by buying a calendar. Become a foster parent, volunteer, or donate food. Every gesture of kindness takes us one step closer to becoming the humane community in which we want to live.

From leaving a legacy to leaving your mark for a day, by working together we make a difference. Thank you for your generous hearts.

Exam Rooms
Support the many animals that come through our doors for medical care every day.

For more information on leaving your legacy, contact Jordan LeVine at jlevine@spcaflorida.org or call 863-577-4607.
Thank you, you rock!

Many thanks to everyone who joined us or donated to Rock for Paws. It was an electric evening, and with your help we reached our fundraising goal of $13,000! These funds will help FL SARC accomplish the mission of helping pets when disasters strike.

Also, a big THANK YOU to our sponsors. Your dedication to our community is undeniable and we appreciate each and every one of you!

Congratulations to the raffle winners, especially the winner of the diamond bracelet donated by International Diamond Center. Two years ago, the winner’s home was broken into and all jewelry stolen, including rings passed down for generations. Winning the bracelet doesn’t make up for what has been lost, but it is a new beginning.

We hope to see everyone again at Rock for Paws 2023. It was a blast rockin’ out with you!

FL SARC Top Notch

Our new disaster response training program and team, FL SARC, has made tremendous strides since we took over the 10-year-old 501(c)(3) at the end of 2021.

Since the new year, we have trained over 150 new volunteers in countless cities in Florida including Lakeland, Tallahassee, Naples, Jacksonville, and even Pensacola. FL SARC has quickly become the top training program for animal disaster response in our state. We have also deployed within our state to assist with cruelty and hoarding cases.

The program recently caught the attention of those involved in national disaster response, and those working in other states. FL SARC won a bid against competing state programs to fly to Virginia to train their disaster response team in August. FL SARC’s response team was also called to deploy to New Mexico over the last month by ASPCA, to assist with animals impacted by wildfires.

ASPCA stated, “Because of the amazing response we did not need to utilize other partners. Your entire organization is so top notch, and we are so lucky to be partnered with SPCA of Florida.”

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

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Fill Their Bowls
Hungry cats and kittens need a helping paw

Your donation of cat food will make a difference. Please send to, or drop off at: SPCA Florida, 5850 Brannen Rd S, Lakeland FL 33813.

Foster Open House

June is National Foster a Pet Month and we’re celebrating with a Foster Open House.

Come to SPCA Florida on Saturday, June 25th, noon to 3 PM. There will be information on becoming a foster parent, crafts, games, and light refreshments.

You can also help us win $10,000 through sharing your foster breakup story. Use #MyFosterBreakup and tag @PetcoLove and @SPCAFlorida on Facebook, or @SPCA_Florida on Instagram.
Join us for a night of fine wine, exquisite food, and rescue adventures. Saturday, November 12th 6 PM - 10 PM Auction for Animals The Florida Air Museum Newly Remodeled 4175 Medulla Rd Lakeland, FL 33811 SAVE THE DATE COME FLY WITH ME

If you are interested in saving more lives through sponsoring a current or upcoming adoption event, contact Jordan at jlevine@spcaflorida.org or 863-577-4607. Adoption special valid in SPCA Florida’s Adoption Center and off-site locations: Orlando Cat Cafe, Petco, Petsense Highland City, Petsense Auburndale, and Petsmart.

PLEASE Vote Dr. Barton for Best Veterinarian!

If you have adopted or fostered a pet from SPCA Florida in the past couple of years, Dr. Barton was their life-saving veterinarian. She tirelessly treats the sick, heals the wounded, and spay/neuters thousands of cats and dogs every year. The contest is arranged by LKLD Magazine, and you can vote at: bit.ly/LKLDBESTOF - voting closes July 31st. (The link is case sensitive.)

Half off the adoption fee for cats and kittens in June and July!

Save a life. Sponsor this event.