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SPCA Florida New Partnership With TLC PetSnip Inc.

Lakeland, FL—SPCA Florida and TLC PetSnip of Lakeland have joined forces to combat Polk County's animal overpopulation.

An important component to reducing pet overpopulation is to spay and neuter community free roaming animals. By taking the simple steps to spay and neuter animals, this keeps unwanted animals from being born and brought into shelters where they may possibly be euthanized.

With a current Veterinarian shortage at SPCA Florida, the partnership with TLC PetSnip will not only assist surgery needs at SPCA Florida, but also the community. On a weekly basis TLC PetSnip will spay and neuter community cats brought in through SPCA Florida's Community Cat Trapper.

"We are glad SPCA Florida reached out for our help with community cat sterilizations. The community and feral cat population in Polk County directly affect the high euthanasia rate at Polk County Animal Control and we are working to provide solutions that prevent unwanted litters of kittens from entering the shelter. With SPCA Florida being able to trap and release and us doing the surgery we can't wait to see the community-wide impact. We feel that working together as a community is the only way we are going to achieve a no-kill Polk County," said Emily Lorenzano, TLC PetSnip Executive Director

Community cat sterilization is a key component to becoming a No Kill County. The No Kill Polk County Initiative involves many partnerships and collaborative efforts within local organizations, such as SPCA Florida and TLC PetSnip.

"SPCA Florida is grateful to TLC PetSnip for their veterinary assistance. Many of the citizens SPCA Florida helps are elderly and need help to sterilize their cats. By working together, we can provide seniors and those with disabilities the support they need, while reducing unwanted births," said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director, SPCA Florida.

About SPCA Florida

Founded in 1979, SPCA Florida is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Lakeland, serving all of Polk County and the surrounding communities. Dedicated to improving the lives of pets and people, SPCA Florida provides caring, compassion and hope to more than 4,300 homeless animals entering our doors each year.

Open to the public, our Reva 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.

Simplistically, every \$100 donated to SPCA Florida, or essentially the cost of an average adoption, equates to \$3,000 worth of positive economic impact throughout Polk County, Central Florida, and the state. Additionally, we are proud of the fact that 92% of every dollar goes to program resources and helping homeless animals.

About TLC PetSnip Inc

When opening their doors in 2013, TLC PetSnip, Inc. partnered with ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance (formally Humane Alliance) in Asheville, North Carolina. Since opening the first non-profit veterinary clinic of Polk County in 2013, TLC PetSnip now has three clinics serving the three counties of Polk, Marion, & Hillsborough. Our vision is a community that has a 90% or higher adoption rate from municipal shelters. We want to reduce the number of animals that are surrendered to shelters for financial reasons and that are born unwanted. We believe that every animal deserves a loving home with an owner that can afford care.

