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**SPCA Florida 28th Annual Walk for Animals Fundraiser Gone Virtual**

**Lakeland, Florida** - In light of recent health concerns regarding COVID-19, SPCA Florida is converting our 28th Annual Walk for Animals to a VIRTUAL walk.

For nearly three decades, Walk for Animals has been an important fundraising event for SPCA Florida. However, with the spread of COVID-19 and the State’s request to limit mass gatherings, going Virtual is in line with keeping our community safe and healthy.

Participation and fundraising for the Walk for Animals helps SPCA Florida care for more than 5,000 homeless cats and dogs each year and provides affordable medical treatment to more than 68,500 animals annually. “We count on our Walker’s to help us with first quarter animal expenses each year,” said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director. “We are hoping they will rally, walk virtually, and help us with the 300+ animals in our care.”

Join or form a team with co-workers, friends and family, or join as an individual walker and start raising money TODAY to help support our organization’s many programs that benefit the community.

The Virtual Walk for Animals will take you around the lake with a dog of your choice, stopping along the way to visit Sponsors, Vendors and get your Passport stamped for prizes! It’s something the entire family can do! There is a lot of fun in store that will ultimately help care for our furry friends.

Registration fee is $35 per person and great prizes are awarded to top fundraisers! A T-shirt is included, PLUS a dog bandana.

The Walk for Animals is made possible by generous sponsors and donors including Anne Watkins, North County Dermatology Clinic, Stahl & Associates Insurance, Pansler Law Firm, Hills Pet Nutrition, Fields Auto Group, Patterson, WBF Classic Hits, PGTV, Hall Communications and many more.

Register so you and your furry friend can start raising money for the homeless animals today!

For more information about registering for the Walk for Animals or vendor or sponsorship opportunities, visit [https://www.spcaflorida.org/walkforanimals2020/](https://www.spcaflorida.org/walkforanimals2020/) or call (863) 577-4607.

**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.*
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