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Betty, Gets A Booty at SPCA Florida

Lakeland, FL— Transferred in from a Florida partner shelter, Betty, a 1-year-old Terrier Mix, needed some extensive reconstruction surgery, which SPCA Florida could provide. Betty had congenital rectovaginal fistula with atresia ani. In other words, her colon connected directly to her vagina which led to multiple urinary tract infections.

“This is a rare congenital deformity,” said Dr. Dorian Lara, Director of Surgical Services at SPCA Florida Medical Center. “Betty needed two surgeries to correct the anatomic defects and make her as normal as possible. “While her surgeries were considered an overall success (the plumbing was re-routed to its correct location), she will likely never be fully normal in regard to defecation. She needs a devoted family to make her a special diet for each meal, along with multiple walks every day to help avoid complications (severe constipation),” explained Dr. Lara.

Despite Betty being born with only one resource for elimination verses two., this little pup has a spunky, full of life, loving personality. Besides being walked, an ideal situation would be a doggy door to a fenced in yard or patio with a grass area to urinate often.

This vibrant canine needs a caregiver who has a lot of time to spend with her at home, and patience to properly maintain her diet. Betty has decided she wants to be a lap dog and would prefer to have all the attention, because at this time, she thinks she deserves it – and we agree.

“Keep their hearts beating in 2021” is the motto for SPCA Florida this year, and Betty is a great example of going the extra mile to save a precious life. Please join us and help keep the hearts of homeless dogs and cats beating throughout the New Year. SPCA Florida has cats and dogs who long for forever homes, but until they are adopted, YOU can be their Lifeline of support.

To become a Lifeline Member and keep the heart beating for a purring cat or tail wagging dog, go online and give a one-time gift or monthly recurring gift at www.SPCAFloirida.org or call 863.577.6400. Please help SPCA Florida this year and keep their hearts beating.

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 70,000 dogs and cats through its McClurg Animal Medical Center and provide direct care for 6,500 animals through its Adoption Center this year. Ani-Meals, which provides food and medical care for animals of homebound families, helps thousands more dogs and cats each year.

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