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SPCA Florida Receives Maddie's Fund Innovation Grant

Lakeland FL - SPCA Florida, Lakeland, has received \$5,000 from Maddie's Fund Innovation Grant for the Innovative Partnerships project, titled Partnership for Pets, for transport monies. Maddie's Fund believes every adoptable shelter dog and cat deserves a forever home.

The Innovation Grant will save the lives of adoptable, loving cats and kittens who would otherwise not have a chance at life. In conjunction with the No Kill Polk County Movement, SPCA Florida, in partnership with Polk County Animal Control, are striving to save more feline lives this year for the No Kill Polk County Goal of 2025.

Collaborative efforts and partnerships are underway that include partnerships with other No Kill Shelters in Maine, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Virginia. Maddie's Fund transport grant will be used to transfer nursing moms with litters and orphan kittens to Maine this summer. SPCA Florida is grateful for the opportunity to give our communities adoptable cats and kittens a long life of unconditional love to the families who adopt them.

Innovation Grants are helping to fund projects at shelters, independent rescue organizations, non-profit clinics, and TNR groups across the country that advance lifesaving, and ultimately guarantee a healthy home or habitat for all dogs and cats.

Maddie's Fund®, The Pet Rescue Foundation (www.maddiesfund.org), is a family foundation funded by PeopleSoft Founder, Dave Duffield, and his wife, Cheryl, to help create a no-kill nation. The first step is to help develop programs that guarantee loving homes for all healthy shelter dogs and cats throughout the country. The next step will be to save sick and injured pets in animal shelters nationwide. SPCA Florida is grateful for their lifesaving support of Polk County's homeless animals.

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.

