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SPCA Florida Welcomes New Medical Center Management Team

Lakeland, FL—After months of searching to fill two crucial positions at SPCA Florida, leadership has selected Paula Murrell and Dr. Dorian Lara to join the Medical Center Management Team.

SPCA Florida is on a mission to save Polk County’s homeless animals. With great responsibility comes a critical need for strong leadership and creative talent. We are excited to welcome Paula Murrell in her new role as Hospital Administrator, where she will oversee business management, revenue projections, and overall medical center operations.

“I am honored and thrilled to join this compassionate and brilliant team of veterinary professionals. By choosing SPCA Florida Animal Hospital your pets will receive exemplary veterinary health care, and you will support our shelter’s mission to save Polk Counties homeless animals. Our goal is to provide continued quality service and experienced professional care at affordable prices. We’ll make your dog’s and cat’s visits easy when we pair friendly, efficient service with experienced loving veterinary care that you can trust. It’s a privilege to welcome new clients and to thank our loyal clients for placing their pets’ medical needs in our hands, stated Hospital Administrator, Paula Murrell.

Dr. Dorian Lara has accepted his new position as Medical Director, where he will oversee medical policies, protocols, and the highest standards of professional care. Dr. Lara brings extended skills and talent to expanded procedures and techniques that will benefit Polk Counties four legged friends. Such procedures include, but not limited to orthopedic and advanced soft tissue procedures.

“SPCA Florida now has Ligasure(TM) technology in its surgical suite to help lessen massive blood loss and decrease anesthetic times”, said Dr. Lara. “The Ligasure™ is a complex medical device that uses electrical energy to fuse tissue and vessels without suture. This device is commonly found in hospitals geared toward specialty-level surgery, and we are excited to have it here at SPCA Florida’s Animal Hospital which is open to the public. It allows us to continue our mission of affordable high-level care for dogs and cats in central Florida”, states Medical Director Dr. Lara.

For more information, visit SPCA Florida Animal Hospital at spcahospital.org or call 863.646.4647. Walk-in's welcome, with wait time.

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.