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**Have You Heard – SPCA Florida Ground Breaking Adoption Center Surgery Center**

**Lakeland, FL—** SPCA Florida is on a mission to save as many lives as possible in 2022. Groundbreaking for the 2,200 sq ft Adoption Center Surgery Center, will start early November 2021.

The Surgery Center will include two surgery tables, dentistry, pharmacy, prep area, and infirmary. The addition of this space will allow SPCA Florida Adoption Center to spay or neuter an additional 2,000 cats and dogs per year.  This will also free up the leased spay and neuter trailer that is currently being used for adoption center spay and neuters, to potentially provide free and low cost spay and neuter for 3,000 income qualified Polk County residents and their pets, and community cats. That’s an additional 5,000 animals in the first year of operation!

In 2020 SPCA Florida Adoption Center spayed and neutered 4,188 dogs and cats. The surgery center will allow us to raise that figure to over 9,000 animals.  Once the surgery Center is built the trailer will become available to spay and neuter at our location, as well as in low-income neighborhoods and mobile home parks throughout Polk County. Our goal is to build and move into the new Surgery Center in February 2022.

SPCA Florida is asking for financial support. To learn more, contact Executive Director, Shelley Thayer at Sthayer@spcaflorida.org or call 863.577.4605.

To learn more about SPCA Florida, go online to [www.spcaflorida.org](http://www.spcaflorida.org) .

**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 20,000 dogs and cats through its SPCA Florida Animal Medical Center and provide direct care for 6,500 animals through its Adoption Center this year. Ani-Meals and Food Assistance Programs, provide food and medical care for animals of homebound families and families who need supplemental food for thousands of dogs and cats each year.*

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