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### SPCA Florida Expands Foster Program To Include Fospice Care

Lakeland, FL— SPCA Florida is expanding their Foster Program to include Fospice care. Fospice care is a blend of “foster” and “hospice” and provides terminally ill shelter animals a home and end-of-life comfort for their final days.

Like fostering, Fospice provides a loving home without incurring the costs and long-term responsibilities of a traditional adoption. Food, medications, veterinary visits, and all other expenses are covered by SPCA Florida.

Fospice care offers a unique and beautiful opportunity to show an animal a level of love and comfort that they may not have experienced before. The benefits of stress reduction and happiness are immeasurable.

SPCA Florida is looking for Fospice parents who want to make a difference. To apply, submit a foster application at <https://www.spcaflorida.org/fostering>

SPCA Florida Foster Program gives underage, ill, or injured shelter animals a temporary home where they feel loved and have a safe place to grow. In 2022, SPCA Florida’s Foster Program placed 2,148 animals in foster homes where they flourished until ready for adoption.

**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 4,000 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.*

SPCA Florida Partners:

**ABOUT ORLANDO CAT CAFÉ**

*The Orlando Cat Café opened in September 2016. Working together with SPCA Florida, Cagan Management Group, Inc., and Minch Coffee Company, our joint mission is to save the lives of homeless cats in Central Florida while drinking good coffee. Visit orlandocatcafe.com for more information.*

**Petco**

*Petco is a category-defining health and wellness company focused on improving the lives of pets, pet parents and our own Petco partners.*

**PetSmart**

*We love pets and we believe pets make us better people. PetSmart is the trusted partner to pet parents and pets in every moment of their lives.*

**Petsense**

*Founded in 2005, Petsense by Tractor Supply is a pet specialty retailer focused on meeting the needs of pet owners, primarily in small and mid-size communities. We specialize in providing a large assortment of pet food, supplies and ervices, such as grooming and training, and offering customers a tailored experience while providing the top-quality products they need at a price they love.*

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