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SPCA Florida Receives Impact Polk Grant from the GiveWell Community Foundation

Lakeland FL - SPCA Florida has been awarded an Impact Polk grant of \$15,000 from the George W. Jenkins Fund within the GiveWell Community Foundation for critical veterinary care of personal Polk County pets. Funding from the Impact Polk grant will allow SPCA Florida to offer and assist qualified Polk County residents with vaccines, illness, and medical procedures for their family pets.

GiveWell Community Foundation's Impact Polk grant cycle is an annual competitive, donor-directed grant program with the goal of addressing community needs throughout Polk County.

It is in everyone's best interest to keep these pets with their loving families instead of entering the already overloaded shelter system. And, while it sounds dramatic, the project can literally be the difference between life and death. A positive side-effect is that families helped through this grant will feel less alone and vulnerable, knowing their community is helping them.

SPCA Florida is grateful for the opportunity to give our communities animals a long life so the families who love them will receive years of unconditional love.

About GiveWell Community Foundation

The mission of the GiveWell Community Foundation (GWCF) is to champion charitable giving to improve the quality of life in the areas we serve, both now and for future generations. We accomplish this by working with individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits to build stronger communities in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties through charitable funds and competitive grant cycles. Since its founding in 1997, the community foundation has awarded more than \$230 million in grants. Today, GWCF is home to more than 300 charitable funds and the Impact Polk and Empower Polk grant cycles. To learn more about GWCF, visit givecf.org or call 863-683-3131.

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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