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SPCA Florida Kittens Bound for Ohio

SPCA Florida Partners with Three Ohio Shelters to Save Lives

SPCA Florida volunteers will depart Tuesday, February 18th, to drive 20+ homeless cats and kittens to their new home in southern Ohio. In partnership with three Ohio no-kill shelters, Humane Society of Greater Dayton, Fayette Regional Humane Society, and SICSA staff and volunteers will welcome the cats and kittens on Wednesday, February 19th The felines will be fully vetted and spayed or neutered according to an agreement between the three no-kill organizations.

"In the north, we are overwhelmed with cats and kittens during the warmer months, while we have very few in the winter. We are very happy to be able to use our resources to help cats in Florida, where they are working to find homes for cats and kittens year round, and we are especially delighted to help Polk County become a no kill county." said Dr. Lee Schrader, Executive Director Fayette Regional Humane Society. Transports to approved shelters in northern states who need kittens is one-way SPCA Florida is saving lives. Brian Weltge, President & CEO of the Humane Society of Greater Dayton said, "We are excited to partner with SPCA Florida to help save the lives of cats in their community. The Humane Society of Greater Dayton is a no-kill organization and our community became a no-kill for the first time in 2019! We are thrilled to help another community striving to save the lives of cats and dogs! This will be an amazing partnership and together, we will make an incredible difference in the lives of animals in both communities."

"Collaboration is key to lowering euthanasia rates across communities, and SICSA Pet Adoption and Wellness Center is thrilled to partner with SPCA Florida to help them achieve their no-kill goal for their County by 2025. In the cold Ohio winters, we see fewer kittens in our communities, but the adoption demand is year-round. By transporting kittens to help meet that demand, we are using strategic partnerships to save more lives and provide loving homes to animals in need. said Jessie Sullivan, SICSA Director of Adoption and Placement Services. Additional collaborative efforts are underway that include partnerships in Maine, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Vermont, Illinois, Rhode Island, and Virginia. On a local level, SPCA Florida is partnering with local Veterinary Clinics, and Polk County Animal Control.

"We just starting kitten season in Polk County and the more kittens we can transport to no kill shelters in northern states, the more lives we can save this year in Polk County," said Randa Richter, Media and Partnership Relations.

These transports can happen due to donations and volunteer drivers. Thank you, Jerry Fortner and Alan Hawkins, for saving more lives.

SPCA Florida is asking for financial, foster, and adoption support. To help, go online at www.spcaflorida.org and donate, foster or check out our available dogs and cats.

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About SPCA Florida

Founded in 1979, SPCA Florida is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Lakeland. Dedicated to improving the lives of pets and people in the community, SPCA Florida provides caring, compassion and hope to more than 6,000 homeless animals entering our doors each year. Open to the public, our 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.