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SPCA Florida Kennel Shortage Solved With Life-Saving Donation from Banfield Pet Hospital®

SPCA Florida received a call that most shelters would love to get; a donation of free kennels.

On Wednesday, July 24th, SPCA Florida received a critical donation from Banfield Pet Hospital®, the nation's largest general veterinary practice: 21 gently-used kennels that were previously utilized at Banfield's Brandon-Riverview location. "We could not have asked for a better lifesaving gift, said SPCA Florida Executive Director, Shelley Thayer. "We've been swimming in kittens and were brainstorming how to find cages to house the overwhelming numbers coming in from foster care. This timely news solved our problem!"

With Polk County being in the height of kitten season, housing for incoming and returning foster care kittens is in great demand. Once returning foster care kittens are spayed or neutered, they are ready for adoption; however due to space limitations on the adoption floor, transition housing is needed.

"We are thrilled to hear our Kennel Donation Program is having such a positive impact on the pets being cared for by SPCA Florida," said Anthony Guerrieri, Banfield's Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs. "Last year alone, more than 55,000 pets benefitted from Banfield's donated kennels, and we are proud that number now includes SPCA Florida's kittens. Together, we are keeping kennels out of landfills, providing life-saving resources to a community partner and helping bring our purpose to life – A Better World for Pets."

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.

About Banfield Pet Hospital®
Banfield Pet Hospital was founded in Portland, Ore. in 1955 and today is the largest general veterinary practice in the United States with more than 1,000 hospitals in 42 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. More than 3,600 Banfield veterinarians are committed to providing high-quality veterinary care to over three million pets annually. As part of the Mars, Inc. family of brands, Banfield is committed to its purpose—A BETTER WORLD FOR PETS®—because pets make a better world for us.

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.