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## **SPCA Florida Receives \$30,000 Petco Foundation Lifesaving Grant**

**Lakeland, FL** — SPCA Florida received a \$30,000 grant from the Petco Foundation for kennel doors. The Petco Foundation has been a community supporter of SPCA Florida, providing funding and community collaboration opportunities for many years.

The Petco Foundation investment will help purchase BiteGuard pet doors for the kennels to improve the quality of canine life. Large dogs will be able to move freely between the inside and outside portion of their kennels without releasing cool air from the inside, out. The ability to go in and out as the dogs please alleviates stress, helps them interact with adopters, and minimizes the spread of airborne diseases. An inviting environment will be welcomed by potential adopters, but as well for staff and volunteers.

“This was a huge win for our large dog population,” said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director of SPCA Florida. “The addition of a simple door will benefit our dogs’ mental and physical well-being during their stay with us. We are grateful to the Petco Foundation for enriching their lives.”

For more information about SPCA Florida, visit [sPCAflorida.org](http://sPCAflorida.org). For more on the Petco Foundation, visit [petcofoundation.org](http://petcofoundation.org) and join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) by using the hashtag #PetcoFamily.

### **About SPCA Florida**

*Founded in 1979, SPCA Florida is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Lakeland, serving all of Polk County and the surrounding communities. Dedicated to improving the lives of pets and people, SPCA Florida provides caring, compassion and hope to more than 4,300 homeless animals entering our doors each year.*

*Open to the public, our Reva 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.*

*Simplistically, every \$100 donated to SPCA Florida, or essentially the cost of an average adoption, equates to \$3,000 worth of positive economic impact throughout Polk County, Central Florida, and the state. Additionally, we are proud of the fact that 92% of every dollar goes to program resources and helping homeless animals.*

### **About the Petco Foundation**

*At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we’ve invested more than \$260 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we’ve helped more than 6.5 million pets find their new loving families, and we’re just getting started. Visit [petcofoundation.org](http://petcofoundation.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.*