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## **SPCA Florida Kittens Bound for Ohio**

### **SPCA Florida Partners with Ohio Shelter to Save Lives**

**Lakeland:** SPCA Florida supporters, Donna Robinson and Mark Helmericks will depart Thursday, November 5th from Lakeland Linder Airport at 10:30am, to fly 25+ homeless cats and kittens to their new home in the Dayton, Ohio area. In partnership with Fayette Regional Humane Society, staff and volunteers will meet the arriving feline passengers at Fayette County Airport. The felines will be fully vetted and spayed or neutered according to an agreement between the two 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.

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 to rescue homeless animals and transport them to safety.

“We are grateful to Fayette Regional Humane Society for lending Polk County a hand in saving more lives. In partnership with Polk County Animal Control, we strive to take Polk County to a No-Kill status by 2025. In addition to transports, we are asking the community to spay and neuter all Polk County animals.” said Randa Richter, Media and Partnership Relations.

SPCA Florida seeks financial, foster, and adoption support. To help, go online at [www.spcafloida.org](http://www.spcafloida.org) and donate, foster or check out our available dogs and cats.

#### **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.*

