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### SPCA Florida Receives BISSELL Pet Foundation Grant

Lakeland FL - SPCA Florida has been awarded a BISSELL Pet Foundation Feed the Shelters

Grant with a pallet of pet food for SPCA Florida’s Food Assistance Program (food bank).

SPCA Florida’s Food Assistance Program provides pet food on a monthly basis to income-qualified family pets. SPCA Florida collects and distributes cat and dog food to keep animals with their families and avoid the need to surrender them. In 2021, SPCA Florida saw an 82% increase in the number of animals served.

In 2021, SPCA Florida gave a total of 136,666 pounds of cat and dog food to income-qualified family pets.

The Bissell Pet Foundation believes that every dog and cat deserves to have daily nutrition and a loving home. The Bissell Pet Foundation Grant will save the lives of loving dogs and cats that would otherwise go without food.

Shelters such as SPCA Florida work tirelessly every day to address the pet overpopulation problem, and they need your help. Along with your support, BISSELL Pet Foundation provides much-needed food assistance to change the outlook for thousands of dogs and cats, until every pet has food.

BISSELL Pet Foundation exists to assist animal welfare organizations. This includes helping to reduce the number of animals in shelters and rescues through increased pet adoption, spay and neuter programs, microchipping, food programs, and foster care. SPCA Florida is grateful for their lifesaving support of Polk County’s homeless animals.

SPCA Florida is grateful for the opportunity to give our communities animals a long life of unconditional love and nutrition by assisting the families who care for them.

**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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