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SPCA Florida Intakes Cruelty Case Animals

Lakeland: SPCA Florida steps up and supports [ASPCA](#)[®] (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals[®]) in Lake Butler Florida Cruelty Case. In September of last year, [the ASPCA assisted the UCSO](#), Union County Sheriff's Office with the rescue of more than 75 animals, including dogs, cats, and small equines, in Lake Butler. Upon arriving on scene, investigators discovered the animals living in substandard conditions and exhibiting signs of neglect, with some living in unsanitary kennels and suffering from various medical issues.

SPCA Florida received four purebred Siamese cats and nine purebred small breed dogs from the confiscation. Upon arrival at SPCA Florida the animals received immediate veterinary care, medications, and went into loving foster homes.

“We are proud to partner with the ASPCA and support their rescue efforts. Our wonderful fosters stepped up to help and to date, all but two Siamese cats have been adopted. The remaining cats are coming along nicely and would love to find a family of their own,” said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director, SPCA Florida.

Local prosecutors announced 31 counts of animal cruelty charges against Mr. Robin L. Deen and Mrs. Marie H. Deen of Lake Butler, who were arrested. The charges included 14 felony counts and 17 misdemeanor counts of animal cruelty.

“A primary focus for the ASPCA is to work alongside law enforcement, prosecutors, and animal welfare professionals across the country to improve the lives of animals – especially those being abused or neglected,” said **Jennifer Chin, vice president of ASPCA Legal Advocacy and Investigations**. “These animals were living in inadequate conditions where their basic needs were not being met, and we’ve had the privilege of watching them thrive in our care these past few months. We’re pleased to have the Union County Sheriff’s Office and local prosecutors as strong partners in tackling animal cruelty in Florida and are grateful for their commitment to seeking justice for these animals.”

SPCA Florida appreciates 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 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.

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About the ASPCA®

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is the first animal welfare organization in North America and serves as the nation's leading voice for animals. More than two million supporters strong, the ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty, community outreach and animal health services. For more information, please visit www.ASPCA.org, and be sure to follow the ASPCA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

