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SPCA Florida Kittens Fly The Friendly Skies to Maine

Lakeland, FL— SPCA Florida supporters, Donna Robinson and Mark Helmericks will depart Friday, February 19th from Lakeland International Airport at 10:30am, to fly 45+ homeless kittens to their new home in Maine. In partnership with three Maine no-kill shelters, Midcoast Humane, Animal Welfare Society, and Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, staff and volunteers will meet the arriving feline passengers at Portland International Airport. The felines will be fully vetted and spayed or neutered according to an agreement between the no-kill organizations.

Transports to approved shelters who want kittens in northern states is one-way SPCA Florida is saving lives. Kristen Mitchell, Transport Coordinator for Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland said, "We know that collaboration is the key to advancing animal welfare across the country and we are so proud to work with SPCA Florida to help pets in need. This live-saving journey will end with pets in loving homes here in Maine."

"We are in the beginning of kitten season in Polk County so we are getting a head start on the feline population that will be coming through our doors. The more kittens we can transport to no kill shelters in northern states, the more lives we can save this year," said Randa Richter, Media and Partnership Relations.

"SPCA Florida is on a mission to save lives through a variety of initiatives both locally and nationally. Our Maine affiliates are instrumental in helping us leverage lifesaving efforts. We are grateful for their collaborative and compassionate partnership," said Shelley Thayer, SPCA Florida Executive Director.

To become a Lifeline Member and *Keep Their Hearts Beating* this year, go online and give a one-time gift or monthly recurring gift at www.SPCAFlorida.org or call 863.577.6400. Thank you for helping SPCA Florida save precious lives.

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 70,000 dogs and cats through its McClurg Animal Medical Center and provide direct care for 6,500 animals through its Adoption Center this year. Ani-Meals, which provides food and medical care for animals of homebound families, helps thousands more dogs and cats each year.

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