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## **SPCA Florida Kittens Head to New Hampshire**

### **SPCA Florida Partners with Monadnock Humane Society to Save Lives**

SPCA Florida volunteers will depart Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> to drive 25 homeless kittens to their new home in New Hampshire. Monadnock Humane Society staff and volunteers will welcome the eight-week-old kittens on Sunday, June 30. SPCA Florida spayed and neutered half of the 25 kittens and Monadnock Humane Society will spay and neuter the other half according to an agreement between the two no-kill organizations.

“This collaborative effort is underway to help Polk County Animal Control save more lives this year,” said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director at SPCA Florida. Transports to approved shelters in northern states who need kittens is one-way SPCA Florida is saving lives. Grant funds from Maddie’s Foundation are helping to make this life saving trip possible. Emily Kerylow, Director of Operations for Monadnock Humane Society said, “MHS is looking forward to a continued relationship with SPCA Florida and to assisting in the placement of Polk County’s homeless cats and kittens. New England is seeing a gradual decline in our stray feline populations, so we are happy to help animals in other parts of the country.”

Additional collaborative efforts are underway that include partnerships in Maine, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Virginia. On a local level, SPCA Florida is partnering with local Veterinary Clinics, Polk County Animal Control, and the Humane Society of Polk County.

“With approximately 450 kittens coming in from volunteer foster care, we need loving homes in both Polk County and in no kill shelters in northern states who have a need for kittens,” said Randa Richter, Media and Partnership Relations. “It’s been a dedicated effort and commitment by many to help save more feline lives.”

SPCA Florida is asking for foster, volunteer, and financial support. To help, go online at [www.scaflorida.org](http://www.scaflorida.org) and apply.

#### **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.*

