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## **SPCA Florida Receives Empower Polk Grant from the GiveWell Community Foundation**

Lakeland FL - SPCA Florida has been awarded an Empower Polk grant of \$5,000 from the GiveWell Community Foundation for "IT/Phone Service to Increase Accessibility" at SPCA Florida campus.

GiveWell Community Foundation's Empower Polk grant cycle aims to help local nonprofits invest in their organization's efficiency and sustainability. Funding from the Empower Polk grant will allow SPCA Florida to strengthen its efficiency and effectiveness in communication with the public.

With the purchase and installation of a new IT/Phone system, SPCA Florida will be able to help thousands of animals each year that depend on the SPCA Florida Medical Center. Each week, SPCA Florida Medical Center receives 1,600 calls to assist with routine preventative maintenance, treatment for diseases, injury, senior wellness, and surgical procedures. By installing a new phone and IT system, SPCA Florida will increase their capacity for care and improve staff and customer satisfaction.

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

### **About GiveWell Community Foundation**

*GiveWell Community Foundation works with individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits to build a stronger community throughout Polk, Hardee, and Highlands county and beyond through charitable funds and competitive grant cycles. The Foundation is home to more than 300 charitable funds and the Impact Polk and Empower Polk grant cycles. GWCF has awarded of \$209 million in grants since its founding in 1997. To learn more about GWCF, visit [givecf.org](http://givecf.org) or call 863-683-3131.*

### **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 4,000 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.*

SPCA Florida Partners:

**ORLANDO CAT CAFÉ**





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*The Orlando Cat Café opened in September 2016. Working together with SPCA Florida, Cagan Management Group, Inc., and Minch Coffee Company, our joint mission is to save the lives of homeless cats in Central Florida while drinking good coffee. Visit [orlandocatcafe.com](http://orlandocatcafe.com) for more information.*

**Petco**

*Petco is a category-defining health and wellness company focused on improving the lives of pets, pet parents and our own Petco partners.*

**PetSmart**

*We love pets and we believe pets make us better people. PetSmart is the trusted partner to pet parents and pets in every moment of their lives.*

**Petsense**

*Founded in 2005, Petsense by Tractor Supply is a pet specialty retailer focused on meeting the needs of pet owners, primarily in small and mid-size communities. We specialize in providing a large assortment of pet food, supplies and services, such as grooming and training, and offering customers a tailored experience while providing the top-quality products they need at a price they love.*

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