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SPCA Florida Receives Bissell Pet Foundation Grant

Lakeland FL - SPCA Florida, a nonprofit 501c3 rescue organization received grant funds for \$10,010 from the Bissell Pet Foundation. The grant will support the spay and neuter of canines scheduled to transport to no-kill organizations who are willing to take "Bully" breeds. The Bissell Pet Foundation believes that every adoptable shelter dog and cat deserves a forever home. The Bissell Pet Foundation Grant will save the lives of adoptable, loving dogs who would otherwise not have a chance at life. In conjunction with the No Kill Polk County Movement, SPCA Florida, in partnership with Polk County Animal Control, are striving to save more canine lives this year.

Collaborative efforts are underway that include partnerships with approved no kill shelters. Bissell Pet Foundation will supply spay and neuter funds to be used for dogs who are scheduled to transfer to other humane rescue organizations. Pit bulls, Dobermans, Rottweilers, Chows and other canines who fall under the "Bully Breed" description will be delivered. Many of these dogs will head to areas in northern states and Canada where breed restrictions are less stringent. SPCA Florida is grateful for the opportunity to give our community's Bully Breed canines a long life of unconditional love to the families who adopt them.

Each year in North America, millions of pets enter shelters and almost half of them are euthanized. Shelters such as SPCA Florida work tirelessly every day to address the pet overpopulation problem and they need help. Along with your support, BISSELL Pet Foundation provides much-needed financial assistance to change the outlook for thousands of dogs and cats, until every pet has a home.

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

About SPCA Florida

Founded in 1979, SPCA Florida is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Lakeland, serving all of Polk County and the surrounding communities. Dedicated to improving the lives of pets and people, SPCA Florida provides caring, compassion and hope to more than 4,300 homeless animals entering our doors each year.

Open to the public, our Reva 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.

Simplistically, every \$100 donated to SPCA Florida, or essentially the cost of an average adoption, equates to \$3,000 worth of positive economic impact throughout Polk County, Central Florida, and the state. Additionally, we are proud of the fact that 92% of every dollar goes to program resources and helping homeless animals.