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## **SPCA Florida Receives Florida Animal Friend Grant**

Lakeland FL - SPCA Florida, a nonprofit 501c3 rescue organization received grant funds for \$20,000 from Florida Animal Friend. The funds from Florida Animal Friend will allow us to reach out to the areas where spay/neuter services are needed the most. One portion of the money will be set aside for TNVR efforts and the remaining funds will be used to spay/neuter cats who belong to low-income families.

Substantial sources of cat overpopulation in Polk County are; free roaming cats, which includes colony cats who are being fed, but are not sterilized and large populations of “personal pets” - many free roaming - who are reproducing.

Incorporated in October 2005, Florida Animal Friend’s goal is to help end pet overpopulation. The main source of funding for the organization is the sale of the specialty license plate along with private and charitable donations. An increase in the number of Florida Animal Friend sponsored surgeries greatly reduces pet overpopulation and ultimately saves the lives of countless homeless cats and dogs from being put to sleep each year.

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, Florida Animal Friend provides much-needed financial assistance to change the outlook for thousands of felines.

The Mission of Florida Animal Friend is “To help save the lives of countless unwanted cats and dogs by supporting organizations that offer free or low-cost spay and neuter services across the state of Florida.” 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.*