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SPCA Florida Kittens Bound for Maine

SPCA Florida Partners with Three Maine Shelters to Save Lives

SPCA Florida volunteers will depart Wednesday, July 10th, to drive 50+ homeless cats and 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 welcome the cats and kittens on Thursday, July 11. The felines will be fully vetted and spayed or neutered according to an agreement between the three no-kill organizations.

"Midcoast Humane is excited to start a partnership with SPCA Florida to help with the relocate efforts of cats and kittens. We are happy to be able to help bring them to Maine and adopt into loving homes." said Kate Cochrane, Midcoast Humane Intake Manager. 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. 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 very pleased with this new partnership. Here in Maine, many people have pets and the culture of pet adoption is very strong. Cats, - especially kittens - are adopted very quickly. In fact, there is often a line outside our Adoption Center doors the morning kittens become available. Together with SPCA Florida, we're able to save even more lives and help more Mainers find their new feline family member," said Jen Adkins, Animal Welfare Society Transport Program Manager. 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.

"We are right in the middle of kitten season in Polk County and 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 asking for financial, foster, and adoption support. To help, go online at www.spcaflorida.org and donate, foster or check out our available dogs and cats.

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.