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## SPCA Florida Receives $25,000 Florida Animal Friend Grant

Lakeland FL - SPCA Florida, a nonprofit 501c3 animal rescue organization received grant funds for $25,000 from Florida Animal Friend. The funds will provide greater reach throughout Polk County to areas where spay and neuter services are needed the most.  The monies will be used to spay or neuter and provide a rabies vaccine for cats belonging to income challenged 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 euthanized.

According to Florida Animal Friend, 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 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 6,500 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.*

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