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**Spay it Forward: A Collaborative Effort to Help The Homeless Animals of Polk County**

Lakeland, FL- On August 2, 2020 TLC PetSnip-Polk, SPCA Florida, Humane Society of Polk County and Polk County Animal Control are working together to provide spay and neuter service to the homeless animals across Polk County.

COVID 19 has created a halt on spay/neuter services across the country in order to conserve PPE for hospitals and human medical offices. The halt has created a backlog of shelter and rescue animals awaiting sterilization prior to adoption.

Spay and neuter services will be performed at TLC PetSnip's Polk County clinic and at the SPCA Florida Campus. Together through the #SpayItForward movement over 200 cats and kittens will be sterilized and ready for adoption through SPCA Florida, Humane Society of Polk County and Polk County Animal Control.

Polk County is working toward being a No-Kill County and the only way that will be achieved is through collaborations like this. This collaborative effort between TLC PetSnip, SPCA Florida, Polk County Animal Control and Humane Society of Polk County is the first of many to come to achieve this life saving goal.

**About TLC PetSnip Inc**

*TLC PetSnip, Inc. is a 501 (c)3 organization that is mentored by the National ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance (formally Humane Alliance). Since opening the first non-profit veterinary clinic of Polk County in 2013, TLC PetSnip has expanded and is serving pets in Polk, Hillsborough, Marion and Pasco counties. Our vision is a community that has a 90% or higher adoption rate from municipal shelters and has provided more than 55,000 spay/neuter services across central Florida.*

**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.*

**About Humane Society of Polk County**

*The Humane Society of Polk County is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization chartered in 1972. The Humane Society of Polk County provides resources that include adoptions, owner surrenders, free spay/neuter services and training assistance.*