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### SPCA Florida’s Randa Richter Receives Sheriff’s Commendation Recognition

Lakeland, Florida – Partnerships are the key to saving more lives in Polk County. Polk County Sheriff’s Office Animal Control Section works tirelessly to find loving and supporting homes for abused, abandoned, and stray animals throughout Polk County. The monumental task of rescuing these animals would not be possible without community partners.

SPCA Florida’s Humane Programs & Public Media Director, Randa Richter, was recognized by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office for her dedication and concern for Polk County animals, and for her support and commitment to Polk County Animal Control. Partnerships like this provide Polk County animals a future and a forever home.

SPCA Florida is committed to helping Polk County Animal Control reduce euthanasia numbers, transfer animals to SPCA Florida for medical care and adoption, and achieve the goal of 2025 No Kill Polk County Initiative.

“I am truly grateful and appreciative to be recognized by Polk County Animal Control and Polk County Sheriff’s Office for my dedication and support to help save more lives in Polk County. My goal and mission is to help as many animals as I can receive the second chance they deserve,” stated Randa Richter, Humane Programs & Public Media Director at SPCA Florida.

**“Randa is an 11-year veteran with SPCA Florida,” said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director for SPCA Florida. “She is a rock to the organization, a mentor, and an outstanding example of what can be accomplished through teamwork, dedication and unwavering determination,” stated Thayer. “We are a better organization, because of her leadership here,” said Thayer.**

**To learn more about SPCA Florida’s programs, adoption animals, and public medical hospital, go to** [www.spcaflorida.org](http://www.spcaflorida.org) **or call 863.577.4600.**

**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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