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Adoption by Appointment

SPCA Florida's Adoption Center works on an appointment system. Go to spcaflorida.org/appointment or call 863-577-4615 to schedule a time to visit the cats and dogs!

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Tilly Has a New Closet

Systemic Lupus, rarely seen in cats, resulted in the lesions that wreaked havoc on Tilly's little body when she arrived. Fever, lameness, and loss of appetite were also a problem.

Three medications, given morning and night, alleviated the symptoms but made her skin exceptionally thin. Simply scratching could create a wound. As a result, Tilly began to wear dresses. Her wardrobe progressed to hoodies, a pumpkin outfit for fall, a Santa dress for the holidays, and even an evening gown to celebrate our Auction for Animals. Soon enough, Tilly had a full-blown closet as anyone who met her fell in love and gifted her a new outfit.

Tilly roamed the offices of Administration, sitting mostly at the front door, waiting for someone to take her home. Then, one Friday, we got the call. Tilly was going into a "Foster to Adopt" program. If she got along with the family cat, she had a home. Within a few days she had a new mom nurse, an extended family, a bed or two or three, lots of toys, and an expanded closet filled with a variety of new dresses to wear.

Tilly is now wearing plus sizes, living large, and loving life. Thank you, Katrina Barcellona and family for making this very special needs fashionista a family member.



My Date Was a Dog

Publix Employees Federal Credit Union: Doggie Date of the Month

SPCA Florida and Publix Employees Federal Credit Union recently partnered up for monthly doggie dates. Each month, their employees choose a lucky shelter dog to spend the day with them. Their date starts off at Starbucks with a cup of coffee and a Puppuccino, and ends with limitless snuggles and cuddles. This creates a life-changing day for both the employees and the pup.

Publix also documents the day with photos and videos, and shares them to their social media pages to help find the dog their forever home. Their most recent date was with handsome, 3-legged Tucker. Publix shared that "Tucker loves to run around and play – he doesn't let his disability stop him!"

Since his debut, Tucker quickly found his home and is going on endless dates. Bella Boo, featured on the cover, has also found her Happily Furever After.

Thank you, Publix Employees Federal Credit Union, for your commitment to our community's animals.

Do you have a business and are interested in this program? Email us at jlvine@spcaflorida.org.



Do you want to go on a Doggie Date?

Dogs of all shapes, sizes, and ages are available, six months old and up. It's a great opportunity to see what it's like to have a dog, especially if you can't have a pet of your own, or just want to hang out.

Doggie Dates allow the dogs to interact in spaces outside the adoption center. It helps relieve stress and gives them more exposure to potential adopters.

We provide everything you need for the date, including suggestions of things to do with your pup.

Read more and sign up at www.spcaflorida.org/doggiedate



Photo: Pigeon enjoying a day out.

A Case of Kittens in the Attic

Late one evening, Barbi Feldman of Vecchio, Carrier, Feldman & Johannessen, P.A. received an urgent call from a client. Investigating some unusual noises coming from the attic, the client discovered a scared mama cat and a litter of kittens. Being an animal lover, Barbi borrowed a trap from SPCA Florida and rushed to the scene. She determined that no crime had been committed, but the frightened mom ran away leaving hungry, malnourished kittens behind.

SPCA's foster team administered fluids to the dehydrated kittens but a foster family was needed to provide care until the babies were old enough to be adopted. Barbi and her children volunteered. First stop however, was a mountain bike competition. Afterwards, the kittens were taken to the VCFJ Law Firm where staff and visitors were more than happy to provide loving care and attention.

The case wrapped up with a VCFJ Law Firm staff member adopting one of the kittens. Another baby, aptly named Bill, for billable hours, became the new office kitty. And efforts continue to secure mom and have her spayed. All of the kittens will be ready for adoption soon thanks to the Barbi Feldman family and everyone at VCFJ Attorneys at Law.



Barkin' Bow Wows – The Trail is BACK

There's no lack of tail wagging, now that volunteers can walk adoptable dogs on SPCAF's Doggie Trail again.

But, finding the trail after a two-year hiatus took some doing. A big cat, machetes, chain saws, a handful of talented volunteers, along with a willing spirit were needed. The employees at CAPTRUST provided more than their usual investment advisory services: they created a refreshed and whimsical trail for both Critter Campers and shelter dogs to enjoy.

Four new benches were added, along with an updated "camper's circle." Wildlife figurines of squirrels, raccoons, owls, rabbits, tree toads, bird houses, totem poles, and messages of kindness also adorn the path. The overhaul took one year to complete, and the dogs are thrilled. Thank you, CAPTRUST for creating a peaceful world for kids and pups of all ages to enjoy!



Taylor, Fallon, Lillian, and Morena enjoying the trail.



SPCA Florida is looking for another business to carry on the tradition CAPTRUST has started.

Responsibilities include mowing the trail every 2-4 weeks, maintaining cleanliness, and enhancing the overall nature experience.

For information, please contact Lani, Shelter Manager, at LKurtz@spcaflorida.org or call 863-577-4617.

Calendar Model Call Show Us Your Pets!

Have you always thought your pet was meant for the spotlight, but just hasn't had their big break yet? Now's their chance for their big debut!

Your pet could be featured on a date of your choosing in the 2023 Lakeland Fire Department's Rescued Pets Calendar through a \$100 donation. 100% of proceeds go directly to SPCA Florida to help us continue our mission and rescue more pets.

Entering is easy: visit www.spcflorida.org/calendar to make your donation and get instructions for submitting your photo. You can also pre-order your calendar for \$10! Calendars usually arrive in October and you'll be notified as soon as they are available for pick up. Or, cover the postage and we'll mail it to you.

Guidelines:

- Only pets in the photos; no humans. You may have more than one animal in a photo.
- Domesticated pets only (cats, dogs, birds, horses, hamsters, iguanas, etc.)
- Remember to tell us your pet's name.



Visit www.spcflorida.org/calendar to get your day in the calendar, or place a calendar pre-order!

You Make a Difference in Many Ways

Have you ever wanted to honor a loved one or a beloved pet in perpetuity? Or change the lives of homeless animals for years to come? By naming one of our exam rooms or cat or dog adoption rooms, you can make an everlasting difference.

Rooms Available to Leave your Legacy:

Cattery B

Sponsor cats like Sangria in Cattery B



Small Dog Room

Help small dogs like Knox



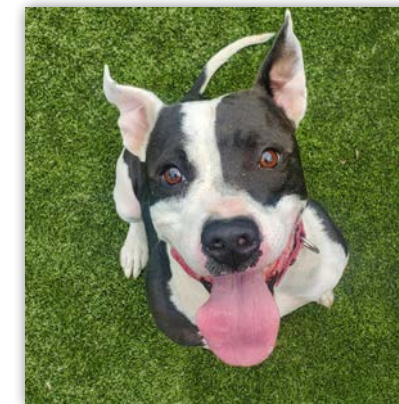
Cattery D

Support FeLV positive cats like Beetlejuice



Kennel

Sponsor large dogs like Jinx



Exam Rooms

Support the many animals that come through our doors for medical care every day.

For more information on leaving your legacy, contact Jordan LeVine at jlevine@spcaflorida.org or call 863-577-4607.



Special thanks to...

Yolie Rodriguez for sponsoring Cattery A, now known as Tinker's Legacy.



Linda Silver for sponsoring Cattery C, now known as Linda's Lovelies.



More Ways to Help

You can also make a difference by including your pet in the 2023 Firefighter Calendar, or by buying a calendar. Become a foster parent, volunteer, or donate food. Every gesture of kindness takes us one step closer to becoming the humane community in which we want to live.

From leaving a legacy to leaving your mark for a day, by working together we make a difference.

Thank you for your generous hearts.

Smokepoint Rock for Paws

Thank you, you rock!

Many thanks to everyone who joined us or donated to Rock for Paws. It was an electric evening, and with your help we reached our fundraising goal of \$13,000! These funds will help FL SARC accomplish the mission of helping pets when disasters strike.

Also, a big THANK YOU to our sponsors. Your dedication to our community is undeniable and we appreciate each and every one of you!

Congratulations to the raffle winners, especially the winner of the diamond bracelet donated by International Diamond Center. Two years ago, the winner's home was broken into and all jewelry stolen, including rings passed down for generations. Winning the bracelet doesn't make up for what has been lost, but it is a new beginning.

We hope to see everyone again at Rock for Paws 2023. It was a blast rockin' out with you!

FL SARC Top Notch

FLORIDA
State Animal Response Coalition



Our new disaster response training program and team, FL SARC, has made tremendous strides since we took over the 10-year-old 501(c)(3) at the end of 2021.

Since the new year, we have trained over 150 new volunteers in countless cities in Florida including Lakeland, Tallahassee, Naples, Jacksonville, and even Pensacola. FL SARC has quickly become the top training program for animal disaster response in our state. We have also deployed within our state to assist with cruelty and hoarding cases.

The program recently caught the attention of those involved in national disaster response, and those working in other states. FL SARC won a bid against competing state programs to fly to Virginia to train their disaster response team in August. FL SARC's response team was also called to deploy to New Mexico over the last month by ASPCA, to assist with animals impacted by wildfires.

Fill Their Bowls

Hungry cats and kittens need a helping paw

Your donation of cat food will make a difference. Please send to, or drop off at:
SPCA Florida, 5850 Brannen Rd S,
Lakeland FL 33813.



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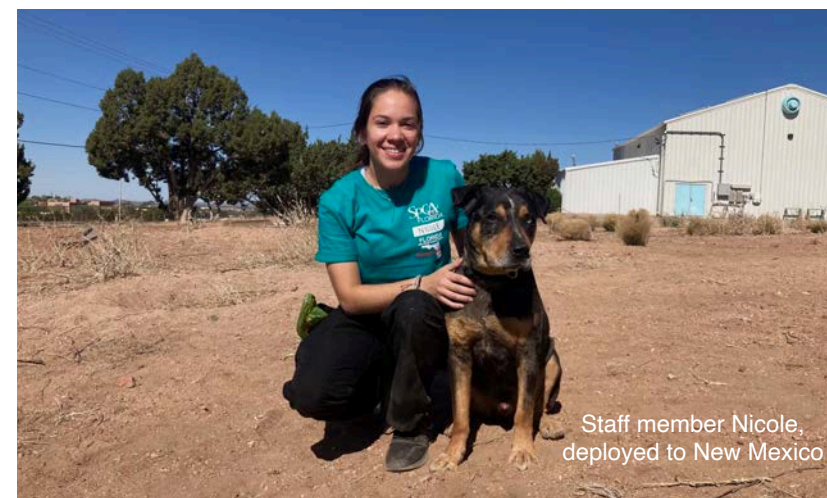
Bob and Sandy
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Katrina Barcellona



Staff member Nicole, deployed to New Mexico

ASPCA stated, "Because of the amazing response we did not need to utilize other partners. Your entire organization is so top notch, and we are so lucky to be partnered with SPCA of Florida."

Foster Open House

June is National Foster a Pet Month and we're celebrating with a Foster Open House.

Come to SPCA Florida on Saturday, June 25th, noon to 3 PM. There will be information on becoming a foster parent, crafts, games, and light refreshments.

You can also help us win \$10,000 through sharing your foster breakup story. Use #MyFosterBreakup and tag @PetcoLove and @SPCAFlorida on Facebook, or @SPCA_Florida on Instagram.

FOSTER BREAKUP LETTER

Contest

Win a \$10,000 Grant Award

and a shelter doggie ice cream party!

Share your foster pet's breakup story for a chance to win.



#MyFosterBreakup

Did you receive a Save the Date card in the mail?

If not, e-mail marketing@sPCAflorida.org

or call Sandra at 863-577-4600 and

she will mail it to you.



PLEASE Vote Dr. Barton for Best Veterinarian!

If you have adopted or fostered a pet from SPCA Florida in the past couple of years, Dr. Barton was their life-saving veterinarian. She tirelessly treats the sick, heals the wounded, and spay/neuters thousands of cats and dogs every year. The contest is arranged by LKLD Magazine, and you can vote at: bit.ly/LKLDBESTOF - voting closes July 31st. (The link is case sensitive.)



Half off the adoption fee for cats and kittens in June and July!

**Save a life.
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If you are interested in saving more lives through sponsoring a current or upcoming adoption event, contact Jordan at jlevine@sPCAflorida.org or 863-577-4607. Adoption special valid in SPCA Florida's Adoption Center and off-site locations: Orlando Cat Cafe, Petco, Petsense Highland City, Petsense Auburndale, and Petsmart.