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## SPCA Florida Kittens and Puppies Bound for Maine

## SPCA Florida Partners with Two Maine Shelters to Save Lives

SPCA Florida volunteers will depart Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, to drive 30+ homeless puppies and kittens to their new home in Maine. In partnership with two Maine no-kill shelters, staff and volunteers will welcome the puppies and kittens on Saturday, September 28th. The canines and felines will be fully vetted and spayed or neutered according to an agreement between the no-kill organizations.

"Midcoast Humane is excited to start a partnership with SPCA Florida to help with the relocate efforts of puppies 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 want puppies and 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."

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.

"SPCA Florida is on a mission to save lives through a variety of initiatives both locally and nationally. Our Maine affiliates are instrumental in helping us leverage lifesaving efforts. We are grateful for their collaborative and compassionate partnership," said Shelley Thayer, SPCA Florida Executive Director.

SPCA Florida is asking for financial, foster, and adoption support. To help, go online at <u>www.spcaflorida.org</u> 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.

