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SPCA Florida's "No Kill Kitten Initiative" Heads to Virginia

SPCA Florida Partners with Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA to Save Lives

The first of several transports are underway across the U.S. to save Polk County homeless animals

Two transport rigs will pull into SPCA Florida, Wednesday, April 17, at 9:00a.m. to transfer approximately 90 homeless moms with kittens and litters of kittens to their new home in Virginia. Foster parents will welcome the new arrivals and take them into loving homes in Charlottesville, where they will continue to receive love and medical care. Once the kittens are of age and proper weight, they will be fully vetted and spayed or neutered according to an agreement between the two no-kill organizations.

"This collaborative effort is the first of many that are underway to help Polk County Animal Control save more lives this year," said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director at SPCA Florida. Initiatives include support from Polk county, state, and national organizations. Best Friends Animal Society, a national animal welfare organization with a goal to make the nation no-kill by 2025 through partnerships with shelters and rescues, as well as involvement from the community, was instrumental in bringing the two groups together. Angie Gunter, Executive Director for Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA said, "We work hand-in-hand with communities where large numbers of animals need lifesaving support."

Additional collaborative efforts and partnerships are underway that include partnerships in Maine, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Virginia. On a local level, SPCA Florida has partnered with local Veterinary Clinics, Polk County Animal Control, and Humane Society of Polk County.

"PCAC is delivering moms and kittens, kittens without moms, and kittens under 12 weeks of age to SPCA Florida seven days a week," said Randa Richter, Media and Partnership Relations. "It's been an amazing effort and commitment by many."

SPCA Florida is asking for foster and volunteer support. To help, go online at www.spcaflorida.org and apply. Financial support is also greatly appreciated and life changing for our county's homeless.

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.