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Cover Cat

Tally: An Orlando Cat Café resident, full of life and vigor. Cuddle me-ow!



Case Closed

The mystery of the shy black cat

Channeling our inner Nancy Drew, SPCA Florida had a mystery on its hands for more than a year. But the Drew at the center of this case wasn't the famous teenage detective—it was our very own Drew, a beautiful black cat searching for her happily ever after. The mystery? Where was her forever family hiding?

When Drew arrived as a kitten, she was shy and anxious, needing patience, socialization, and plenty of reassurance. Luckily, her best cat friend, Heather, was by her side. The two were practically inseparable.

As our team gathered clues about Drew's personality, we discovered a sweet cat beneath her shyness. She even loved being tucked in, proving every good detective needs some cozy downtime.

Drew spent time in different cat areas while she built confidence and learned to trust. Then, after more than a year, the perfect adopter appeared. After a little investigation—and perhaps some interrogation by Drew—the clues were clear. Forever family found. Mystery solved. Case closed. ♥

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One Foundation Lending a Helping Paw

A partnership that gave Emma a second chance

At SPCA Florida, we know saving lives is something we can't do alone. Behind so many second chances are compassionate people and organizations ready to step in when animals need them most. For one-year-old Shih-Tzu Emma, that helping hand came from the 15/10 Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to helping dogs with significant medical and behavioral needs. They provide financial support to shelters and rescues like SPCA Florida.

Emma arrived with a severely broken and injured pelvis, believed to have resulted from a traumatic incident such as being struck by a car. Although she could still walk and urinate on her own, pain made walking difficult, and she struggled to have a bowel movement because squatting was simply too uncomfortable.

Our medical team determined Emma needed emergency orthopedic surgery

to reposition and stabilize a weight-bearing pelvic bone, relieve pressure on a nearby nerve, and reopen her narrowed pelvic canal. It was a major surgery for such a little dog—but Emma had big-hearted friends in her corner.

Through our new partnership, the 15/10 Foundation provided funding toward Emma's surgery, helping her receive the specialized care she urgently needed. Their generosity meant more than a medical procedure. It meant relief, healing, and a chance for a brighter future.

Best of all, Emma found a loving forever home. Her story is a beautiful reminder of what's possible when organizations come together. We are immensely grateful to the 15/10 Foundation for helping make Emma's second chance, and many happier tomorrows, possible. ♥

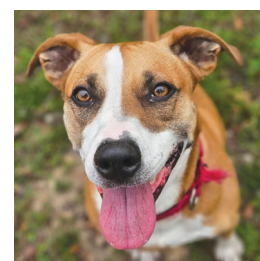


High-Flying Rescue to a Forever Home

Saving Doria Hawk

Talk about a high-flying rescue! Doria Hawk's journey to SPCA Florida began when two EMTs from Lakeland Regional Health witnessed something they never expected, a hawk carrying off a tiny kitten.

In a heart-stopping moment, a flock of



Give a Girl a Chance

A special personality just waiting to be noticed

Lupita has been waiting patiently for that person who will see just how special she is. Lupita came to SPCA Florida as a surrender in 2023, and she's been part of our shelter family ever since.

Lupita is a girl who knows what she likes, and at the top of that list are tennis balls, Kong toys, and spending quality time with people she trusts. She has enjoyed several Doggie Dates

small birds attacked the hawk, causing it to drop the kitten, giving her a second chance. EMT Martin and his partner sprang into action, scooping up the survivor and rushing her to SPCA Florida for care.

Doria's recovery was truly amazing. She may have arrived as a tiny "Kitty Hawk" miracle, but her brave personality quickly won hearts. After receiving plenty of TLC, treatment for an injured eye, and time in foster care, Doria was ready for her next adventure.

Doria Hawk has officially been adopted into a loving forever home. We're hoping her days of high-flying adventures are behind her—and that her biggest excitement from now on is chasing toys, climbing cat trees, and soaking up love. No more hawk incidents for this little survivor! ♥

with trusted participants, giving her the opportunity to show off her playful personality and all the wonderful things that make her unique. She has also successfully passed her FAS Assessment.

Lupita recently spent three months at Naples Humane Society, where we hoped a new environment might introduce her to her perfect match. While her forever family didn't find her there, we learned something important: Lupita's person is still out there!

She would thrive with a patient, confident single adult who appreciates that great relationships take time to build. Lupita does best when introductions are thoughtful and she can get to know new people at her own pace.

She may have been waiting longer than most, but we believe that makes finding her person even more worth celebrating.

Lupita isn't looking for just any home. She's looking for her home. And we can't wait to see the day she finally finds it. ♥



Still Chill

Orlando Cat Café celebrates its tenth year giving cats a cool place to vibe

I'll admit it... I got pretty comfortable at OCC. My name is Hollingsworth, and for three whole months, I enjoyed the good life—the smell of coffee, cool vibes, chill humans, and most importantly, plenty of excellent places to perch.

Life at a cat café has its perks. I could stretch out, watch people sip on coffee, soak up attention, and generally remind everyone that the world is a better place with a cat in it. Honestly, I was in no hurry to leave.

But then, the best thing happened. I found my forever home!

While I'm busy settling into my new digs, OCC is celebrating something special—its 10th anniversary! The celebration is happening now and building toward the grand anniversary celebration on September 8.

Three months at OCC gave me plenty of memories, but a forever home? That's the real jackpot.

And yes, I still expect the smell of coffee and cool vibes. I'm a cat of standards, after all. ♥



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A Good Hare Day

Small mammals and exotics get pampered

At SPCA Florida's Veterinary Clinic, our team is always looking for ways to provide helpful, affordable care to pets in our community—whether they have paws, claws, or happen to hop. Since expanding our services to welcome exotic animals and pocket pets on August 1, things have been going well. We couldn't resist sharing a particularly adorable milestone—our very first exotic patient was a rabbit who stopped by for a nail trim. While our Veterinary Clinic may not be a spa, that doesn't mean our patients can't enjoy a little “mani”

every now and then! This bunny's visit may have been simple, but it

represents something bigger, another opportunity to help a pet stay happy, healthy, and comfortable.

From routine and preventative care to addressing medical concerns, our team is here for companion animals, exotic pets, and pocket pets. Because while we may not offer cucumber slices and fluffy robes, compassionate care is always part of the package! ❤️

No SAT Score Needed

College entry was never so easy.

At just one year old, Zoomy arrived from Polk County Animal Control with plenty of love, energy, and curiosity to share. Like any young pup, she had a few things to learn. So Zoomy spent time in obedience training to learn good behavior and some important manners. With a little late night cramming and perseverance, she earned her certificate.

Then came her big test: a two-day, overnight adventure with a college student who wanted to see if they were the perfect match. Turns out, Zoomy passed with flying colors!

After two days of walks, cuddles, and getting a taste of college life, her new student knew Zoomy was the one. She officially became part of the family, and gained a new title: Emotional Support Animal.

Now, Zoomy is ready to embrace college life, one adventure, study session, and cuddle break at a time. With patience, positive reinforcement, and plenty of love, this curious girl is sure to thrive! ❤️



Annie's Fund

Making a Difference for Foster Families

Last year, SPCA Florida launched Annie's Fund on Giving Tuesday, and our community showed just how much they believe in the power of fostering. The inaugural fundraiser raised an incredible \$15,000, providing valuable support for the more than 140 foster families who open their homes and hearts to animals.

Named in honor of Annie, a tiny kitten whose life was changed by the dedication of a foster family. Annie's Fund helps provide the resources foster families need to care for vulnerable animals—from bottle babies and nursing mothers to pets who simply need extra time and attention outside the shelter.

Because last year was such a success, Annie's Fund is returning December 1 for its second year on Giving Tuesday. Once again, our community can come together to support the Foster Department and the families who make second chances possible.

Every donation helps foster families continue their lifesaving work and gives more animals the opportunity to grow, heal, and find loving forever homes. ❤️



Tuesday
December 1, 2026

Order To Go

From a happy meal to a loving home

Through SPCA Florida's Mom's Last Litter Program, we recently received an adorable combo meal, and no, we're not talking about a roast beef sandwich with a side of curly fries. Meet Arbys and his sister, Horsey Sauce, two adorable Jack Russell mixes who came into our care ready to steal hearts. Horsey Sauce has since found a loving home of her own, but Arbys' journey hit an unexpected delay in the drive-thru to finding his forever family.

Our medical team discovered that



Training Beyond Florida's Border

Teaching Rescue the Florida SARC way

Having experienced the aftermath of a hurricane, we know firsthand how quickly a disaster can turn life upside down. These devastating events are a reminder of how important it is to have trained professionals ready to help animals when emergencies strike. That's why Florida SARC's disaster

Arbys was suffering from a traumatic hip luxation. This serious injury caused his hip to pop out of socket, resulting in soft tissue swelling. To give this little guy the best possible quality of life and relieve his chronic discomfort, amputation was determined to be the best course of treatment.

That may sound like a supersized obstacle, but Arbys certainly hasn't let it take away his zest for life. He remains happy, playful, affectionate, and always ready to serve up smiles to everyone he meets.

Once Arbys has made his fast-food-fast recovery, this special little happy meal will come with everything you could ask for: three legs, one enormous heart, unlimited personality, and plenty of love on the side. Then, he'll officially be ready for the best item on the menu, a loving home. ❤️

preparedness work is so important.

This year, Florida SARC has taken its animal emergency training on the road, traveling to Oklahoma and Virginia to help prepare responders to care for animals during disasters. In Oklahoma, the team provided emergency sheltering training and trained local instructors so they can continue teaching responders in their own communities.

In Virginia, responders learned the essentials of emergency animal sheltering, along with the skills needed to help operate an emergency shelter.

Disasters don't stop at state lines, and neither should preparedness.

By sharing knowledge, learning from other states and building local expertise, Florida SARC is helping communities prepare to keep pets safe when disaster strikes. Because when families need help, the whole family matters. ❤️



No Fake News Here

It's a fact, foster felines feel fulfilled

Hi, it's Century reporting live from my foster home! I'm a light orange kitten, and yes, I've heard the rumors about orange cats and our larger-than-life personalities. Let's just say I'm doing my part, keeping the reputation alive!

I'm being fostered by SPCA Florida's own Emily while I build my confidence and become more comfortable in a home environment. Day-by-day, I'm coming further out of my shell—just ask Emily. She's witnessed my daily zoomies firsthand! Fostering helps animals like me thrive by giving us time, space, and individualized attention. Whether we need socialization, behavioral support, recovery time, or simply a break from the shelter, foster homes help prepare pets for their next chapter.

As a foster cat participant, I can honestly suggest opening your home to fostering. If interested reach out to the SPCA Florida foster department or go to the SPCA Florida website for more information.

So... For now, I'm taking things one zoomie at a time, with a house to explore, new toys to discover, and an orange-cat reputation to uphold! ❤️



Lessening the Effects

A day of preparation can go a long way

When hurricane season approaches, preparation can be a superpower, especially when it comes to protecting the four-legged members of our family.

On Saturday, July 25, SPCA Florida joined Polk County Animal Control, Greater Good Charities, and Florida State Animal Rescue Coalition for a Pet

Hurricane Preparedness Event designed to help local families prepare their pets for whatever hurricane season may bring.

SPCA Florida planned the event logistics, organized the effort, and provided the location to bring these important resources together under

one roof. Together, the teams helped nearly 500 cats and dogs receive free rabies vaccines and microchips. Polk County Animal Control provided and distributed the microchips, while Greater Good Charities generously donated the rabies vaccines to help ensure our community's pets are protected and safe from a rabies breakout.

Florida SARC also provided hurricane preparedness bags filled with pet treats and essentials, as well as space to record important pet information, carry medications and other necessities.

Hurricanes may be unpredictable, but preparation gives pet owners the power to act before disaster strikes. Thanks to our amazing partners, hundreds of local pets are now better prepared to weather the storm. ❤️



Help Us Bring Tails & Hearts Together

Every donation, no matter the size, helps care for our deserving companions and find them fur-ever homes. Here are some examples of how your donation helps.

\$35 Feeds a hungry puppy, kitten, dog or cat for one week

\$50 Provides neuter surgery to prevent unwanted litters

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