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Featured Stories

Sarabel Heads Home

Our sweet long-term resident finds a fantastic forever home

Healing Alba

An office cat gets a needed surgery and whole lot of TLC

Buh-bye Panda

Parting is sweet sorrow, but a loving home means a great tomorrow

Save The Date

Our annual Auction for Animals sets a date and a theme – that you will love.

Our Q2 newsletter is a hybrid of print and digital. You can enjoy the digital portion by scanning the QR code. This ongoing shift helps us save printing costs so more resources can go directly toward supporting the animals in our care.



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Cover Dog

Malcom:

Professional walker
and energetic
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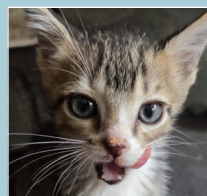
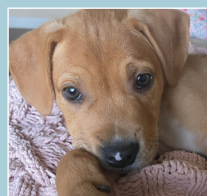


See What's Cooking in the Kitchen

Our foster families proudly post their pets pictures on the Foster Program page.

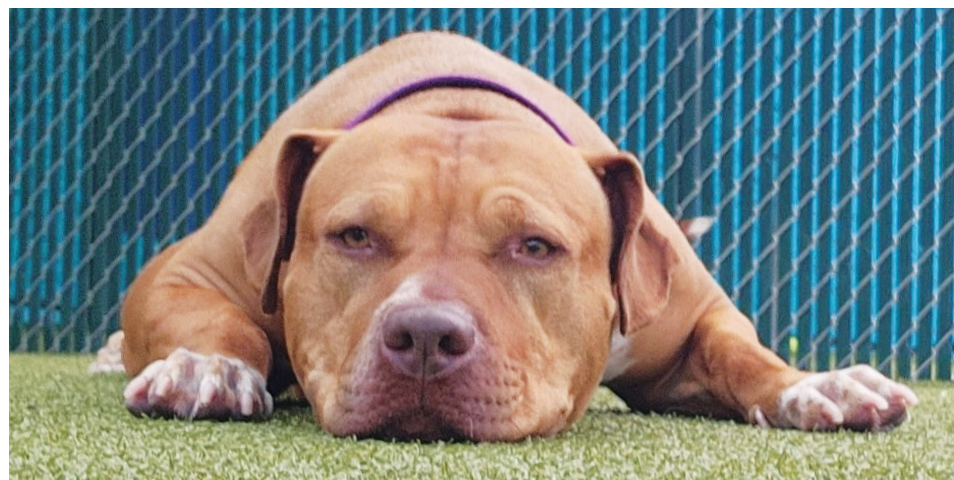
Hello, darlings! Meowlia Child here, reporting from the comfort of my foster home. While I wait for my forever family, I wanted to tell you about the wonderful Facebook group, Foster Parents of SPCA Florida. This special community gives foster families a place to share photos, stories, milestones, and plenty of adorable updates from animals like me. From tiny kittens learning to play, to dogs gaining confidence, you'll see the incredible work foster families do every day. Join the group to follow our journeys, celebrate successes, and witness the lifesaving impact of SPCA Florida's amazing foster team! ❤️

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A Day Worth Waiting For

Giving Sarabel the life her joyful and spirited personality deserves.



The day everyone at SPCA Florida had been dreaming about finally arrived—Sarabel, one of our most beloved long-term residents, officially found her forever home just weeks before celebrating her two-year anniversary with us!

If there was ever a dog who embodied joy, determination, and an unbreakable spirit, it was Sarabel. Her journey to adoption came with challenges, including a battle with Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD), a condition that temporarily left her



unable to walk. But Sarabel never let adversity define her. With the help of dedicated veterinary care, a doggy wheelchair, and plenty of encouragement, she relearned how to get around and continued greeting every day with a wagging tail, a goofy grin, and a zest for life that inspired everyone she met.

Along the way, Sarabel enjoyed a handful of Doggie Dates, charming each person lucky enough to spend time with her. Every outing showed off her larger-than-life personality and reminded us that her

perfect match was still out there. As it turns out, all that waiting was worth it.

When a family came searching for a special companion for their son, they met Sarabel and instantly fell in love. Her playful spirit, affectionate nature, and endless enthusiasm made her the perfect addition to their family.



As news of her adoption spread, so did the excitement. A video celebrating Sarabel's long-awaited adoption journey went viral on TikTok, earning thousands of views and bringing cheers from



supporters who had followed her story. Now Sarabel is trading kennel life for family adventures, couch cuddles, and a home filled with love. While we'll miss her daily smiles and happy dances, we're thrilled to celebrate the ending she's always deserved.

Sarabel's happily-ever-after has finally arrived—and it was absolutely worth the wait. ❤️

A Special Kind of Physical Therapy

Foster TLC goes a long way.



Some animals have a way of reminding us that joy can still shine through even in difficult moments, and Alba is one of those animals.

Alba first came to us from Polk County Animal Control, and although her unique little walk may have looked like an adorable wiggle, it was soon discovered that she was actually experiencing a kneecap condition that caused her kneecaps to sit out of place. While waiting for her specialty surgery, Alba became a temporary office resident in the Administration Offices where she quickly won hearts alongside her best buddy, Maui.

Together the two spent their days doing what cats do best, playing,

lounging, finding happiness in the simple moments, and maybe causing just a little kitty chaos. When Maui found his forever family, Alba certainly missed her partner in crime, but she never let it dull her sweet personality.

Following a complicated but successful surgery, Alba began her recovery journey with a foster family while remaining on strict cage rest. Through every challenge, she continued to greet people with gentle affection and hopeful eyes.

Soon, Alba will be ready for her next chapter: finding a forever home of her very own. We have a feeling her perfect family is waiting just around the corner. ❤️



The guest list just got bigger around here because SPCA Florida Veterinary Clinic is now opening its doors to even more unique companions! We're expanding services to include exotic animals, small mammals, reptiles, and pocket pets. Snakes can slither on over, guinea pigs

Exotics – Why Not?

Opening our doors to a special kind of guest.



can squeak with excitement, and your one-of-a-kind pets can now receive expert care from our veterinary team. We're thrilled to welcome these special guests to the SPCA Florida Veterinary Clinic because every pet, no matter how small, deserves exceptional care and compassion. ❤️

A Night Filled with Intrigue



This year, adventure calls. Join us on **Saturday, October 24** and step into a world of mystery, excitement, and lifesaving impact at the 2026 Auction for Animals: *Indiana Bones: Raiders of the Lost Bark*.

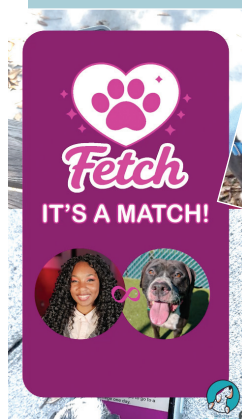
Leading the expedition are two unforgettable heroes: Bear as the daring Indiana Bones and Buttons, starring as Small Pounce, his loyal sidekick. Together, they'll guide guests on a thrilling quest. A quest packed with hidden treasures, incredible auction packages, and heartwarming stories of second chances.

But this isn't just another adventure—it's a mission. Every bid, every paddle raise, and every dollar helps rescue, heal, and care for the animals who depend on SPCA Florida.

The map is drawn. The treasure is real. Bear and Buttons are ready. The adventure begins **October 24**, save the date. ❤️



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Move over Tinder—

There's a new dating
app in town, and it's
gone to the dogs.

When Kathleen High School student Chris and his video production team, Ignition Media, approached SPCA Florida in January, they had one goal: to help shelter dogs find their perfect match. Their solution? A commercial featuring "Fetch," a canine dating app promoting our Doggie Dates program. Complete with custom logos, graphics, and plenty of tail-wagging charm, the commercial starred none other than Droolius Caesar, who went on a Doggie Date for his big-screen debut.

The creative project impressed judges at the Polk County Video Awards, earning second place honors. Chris has since signed up to volunteer at SPCA Florida and hopes to intern with our Marketing Department. We have a feeling this talented young advocate, and future film-making pro, is just getting started. ❤️

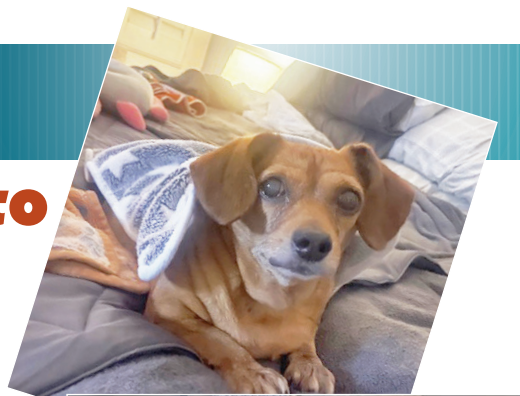
Food Hound to Loyal Friend

A heartwarming story
of camaraderie and
companionship.

When Chloe, a dachshund, was adopted from SPCA Florida, no one knew just how much of an impact she would make. Recently, her adopter shared Chloe's story with us, reminding us of the extraordinary bond between people and their pets.

Not long after her adoption, Chloe was diagnosed with serious health challenges. Determined to give her the best life possible, her family pursued specialized care, sought second opinions, and surrounded her with endless love. Their efforts gave Chloe ten additional months filled with adventures, homemade meals, cuddles, and treasured memories.

Chloe's adopter described her as loyal, goofy, stubborn, and always on the hunt for a snack, especially cat food. She proudly guarded the house from a suspicious inflatable Easter bunny and



quickly became much more than a pet. She was a "soul dog," offering comfort, companionship, and unconditional love.

When Chloe's health began to decline, her family made the difficult decision to let her go peacefully. On her final day, she enjoyed all her favorite treats, including cat food, blueberries, pup cups, and a mini cheeseburger, before spending time on her beloved patio beside the person she loved most.

Though their time together was short, Chloe and her adopter found each other exactly when they were meant to, leaving a lasting imprint on one another's hearts. ❤️

Our Annual Food Drive

A collaboration
of compassion

Since becoming
an annual
event in 2023,
SPCA Florida's 7
Days of Giving

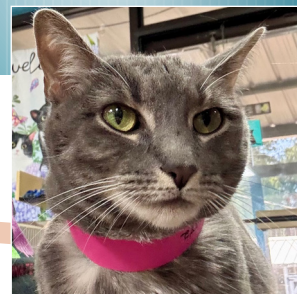
Your Kind Donation Will be Matched!

has grown into a community tradition. In partnership with the Lakeland Fire Department, this week-long campaign helps stock our shelves with much-needed pet food while raising critical funds for animal care. Thanks to the

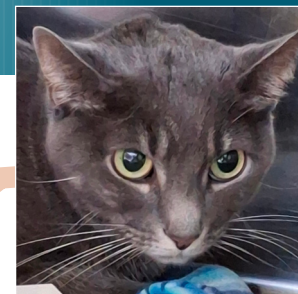
generosity of supporters, 7 Days of Giving continues to make a meaningful impact, ensuring the animals at SPCA Florida receive the nutrition and care they deserve. **The giving starts July 20 through 26, 2026.** ❤️



Junebug



Ladybug



The Long Road Home

Some journeys are short. Others take six years.

Back in 2020, two tiny littermates named Ladybug and Junebug started their life in foster care at SPCA Florida. Like so many kittens, they grew up surrounded by care and love before finding a home together. Their future seemed written.

But life has a way of changing course. Earlier this year, the sisters found themselves at a rescue facility hundreds of miles away — Charleston Animal Society in South Carolina. Fortunately, both cats had microchips, and those tiny chips told a big story. Their trail led right back to SPCA Florida.

When the call came, SPCA Florida answered. Volunteers Richard and Alan hit the road, traveling to Charleston to bring the girls back home. It was a

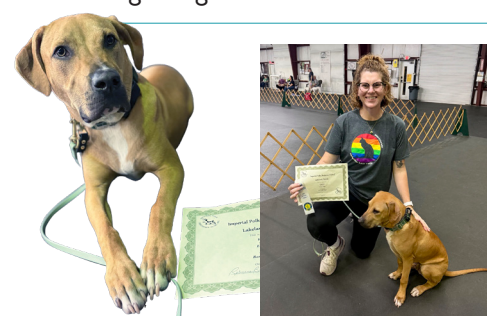
journey of compassion, dedication, and a reminder that SPCA Florida never stops caring for the animals that pass through our doors.

After returning to Florida, the sisters' paths diverged once more. Junebug quickly found her forever family and began the next chapter of her life.

Ladybug is still waiting.

Her road home isn't quite finished yet, but we know her destination is out there — a loving family ready to welcome her home. Until then, she'll remain safe, cared for, and loved.

Because at SPCA Florida, we go the distance. Sometimes that means crossing state lines. Sometimes it means waiting patiently for the right family. And sometimes, it means helping a cat find her way back home. ❤️



Smart Dog We're so proud!

Every now and then, we get an update that makes us stretch our arms with pride. Winston, formerly known as Titus, is one of those stories.

When Titus arrived at SPCA Florida in September 2025, he was a diamond in the rough. Adopted just two months later, he traded his shelter name for

Winston and has been proving ever since that he may just be the smartest kid in class.

According to his family, Winston has already earned his AKC STAR Puppy title, completed Basic Obedience, and is currently working on Advanced Obedience training. His future may even include obedience competitions—because apparently being a good boy wasn't challenging enough.

We love hearing about our alumni thriving in their homes, and Winston is making us especially proud. From shelter pup to honor-roll student, he's proving that with a little love and opportunity, great dogs can achieve great things. Stories like his remind us that adoption truly changes lives—both human and animal alike. ❤️



Opinion: Maybe It's Time You Gave the Shelter Dog a Chance

By Seymour,
Professional Cuddle Expert

I've spent the last year watching people walk through the shelter looking for the perfect dog. They pass by kennels, read adoption cards, and imagine what life might look like with a new companion. What surprises me is that so many of them keep walking past dogs like me.

My name is Seymour. I'm a two-year-old Catahoula Leopard Dog mix, and while I may have some vision impairment and be deaf, I've never considered those things limitations. I navigate life just fine, especially when there's a couch to lounge on, a car ride to enjoy, or a human willing to share a few cuddles.

Every person who has taken me on a Doggie Date or Sleepover tells the same story: I'm calm, affectionate, polite, and easy to love. I get along with people, enjoy the company of other dogs, and have mastered the fine art of companionship.

The truth is, many animals labeled as "special needs" aren't looking for special treatment. We're simply looking for someone willing to see us for who we are. In my case, that's a loyal friend with a big heart and an even bigger appreciation for snuggling.

Maybe the perfect dog isn't the one you expected. Maybe he's been waiting for you all along. ❤️

A Welcomed Goodbye

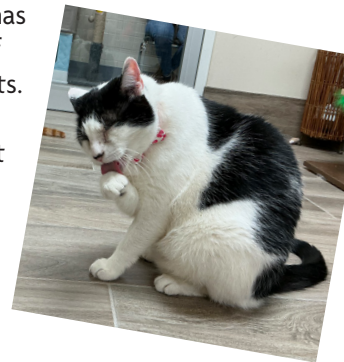
House Hunters with a little twist, a successful close, and no mortgage. It's a win, win!

Panda, one of our long-term feline residents, has officially packed his bags and moved on after spending nearly a year at SPCA Florida searching for his perfect match.

Panda spent many months patiently waiting and house hunting for the forever home that even Zillow couldn't seem to find. His big HGTV-worthy walkthrough moment finally came when someone decided to take him home for a Feline Overnight. What started as a temporary showing quickly turned into something much bigger.

After his stay, Panda gave the home two paws up, and he and his new

family decided it was time to close the deal. After getting used to his new surroundings, he is enjoying all the perks of homeowner life, including cozy napping spots, plenty of love, and the comfort of finally having a place to call his own. We hear he's settling in wonderfully and has every intention of putting down roots. From temporary stay to permanent residency, we congratulate you Panda. Enjoy your happily ever after! ❤️



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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.

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