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**CAT DEPOT EXPANSION  
EDUCATION CENTER**

Sarasota, Florida – (July 6, 2010) – Cat Depot, one of the largest nonprofit, no-kill feline rescue and adoption centers in the nation is getting bigger. Construction is underway to add a second floor education center. The 10,000 sq ft state-of-the-art facility will add an approximate 700+ sq feet to accommodate community outreach programs. The expansion, like the original facility, will be hurricane rated and provide handicap accessibility, including a lift to the center. The addition will have a drop down media screen, kitchenette, bathroom and will accommodate 40+ individuals.

"This is a dearly needed component for Cat Depot," said Executive Director, Shelley Thayer. "We currently hold education and training classes for the public in our hallways and small conference room. This addition will allow us to broaden our teaching arena and reach out to a greater number of children and adults."

Local architect, Barron Schimberg, designed the center, and Beyond Design Contracting, Inc. is building the structure which is due for completion in the fall. The October 23rd, Cat's and Cupcake Carnival, and the Nov 20-21, disaster training with American Humane are two events that will benefit from the new facility.

Cat Depot, a rescue, adoption, education and resource center is dedicated to helping abandoned, homeless and injured cats and kittens with medical care, food and love. A leader in feline health care and mental well-being, Cat Depot houses over 100 cats and kittens on any day. Cat Depot has changed the destiny of thousands of formerly homeless felines, currently living joyful lives because of donations and support by members and volunteers.

"It takes everyone working together to change the destiny of homeless animals," said Thayer. "Our dedicated volunteers, donors and members are working with us to find qualified homes for 1,000 cats this year. With everyone's support we will reach this goal."

If you would like to donate, volunteer or become a member and support Cat Depot's mission of saving lives, please visit their website at [www.catdepot.org](http://www.catdepot.org) or call 366-2404. Cat Depot is located at 2542 17th Street, Sarasota FL, 34234. To better serve the public, Cat Depot is open 7 days a week, M-F, 11am to 5pm, S-S, 11am to 5pm.

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