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CAT DEPOT ASSESSED BY MADDIE'S SHELTER MEDICINE PROGRAM

Sarasota, Florida – (April 14, 2010) – Cat Depot was honored to welcome Dr. Julie Levy DVM, PhD, DACVIM, professor and director of Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida on April 5, 2010. Dr. Levy, along with her team consisting of Rachel Michaud, and residents Drs. Cate McManus, Brian DiGangi, and Laura Andersen completed a day long assessment of Cat Depot. Their review included facilities, protocols, admissions and health of cats and kittens. The visits culminated in a comprehensive assessment and debrief the following day.

"Cat Depot is the finest feline-exclusive facility we have seen," said Dr. Levy. "The staff was very open and responsive to any questions we asked." Cat Depot, one of the largest nonprofit, no-kill feline rescue and adoption centers in the country, is dedicated to helping abandoned, homeless and injured cats and kittens with medical care, food and love until they are adopted into forever homes.

"We were thrilled and honored to have such a prestigious group as Dr. Julie Levy and her professional team conduct an assessment of Cat Depot," said executive director, Shelley Thayer. "In preparation for Dr. Levy's review we took a hard look at everything we were doing, and we had a few "ah ha" moments. The review process forced us to examine every detail from cleaning to admissions, cat care, adoptions and socialization programs. We learned valuable information from the team and we are a better adoption center because of their assessment."

Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida is dedicated to helping shelters achieve their lifesaving goals, training the shelter medical professionals of today and tomorrow, and developing new knowledge to enhance the well-being of sheltered animals. The program works directly with shelters to help homeless animals through shelter consultations that help optimize shelter animal well-being and outbreak response assistance, which provides the diagnostic and management tools to save lives. Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Program is underwritten by a grant from Maddie's Fund[®], The Pet Rescue Foundation, helping to fund the creation of a no-kill nation.

A leader in feline health care and mental well-being, Cat Depot houses over 100 cats and kittens on any given day. Their 10,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility provides the latest in innovation, and cat care. Cat Depot has changed the destiny of thousands of formerly homeless felines, currently living joyful lives. Cat Depot operates solely on donations and memberships. To support their mission of saving lives, please go to www.catdepot.org or call 366-2404.