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**CAT DEPOT AIDS ASPCA IN
PENNSYLVANIA RESCUE**

Sarasota, Florida – (July 6, 2010) – Cat Depot welcomed 12 Pennsylvania felines after they traveled non-stop 48 hours to the no-kill, nonprofit rescue and adoption center. The East Coast dozen were part of 387 cats that were rescued and transported through several states where they were delivered to humane shelters. Tampa Bay ASPCA transported the cats as far as Tampa where they were picked up by Cat Depot and shuttled to their new temporary home. Rescue efforts were coordinated through Tampa Bay ASPCA and ASPCA's Field Investigations and Response Team. The 387 cats were removed from a sanctuary known as the Animal Friends of Elk and Cameron Counties in PA. The cats—including numerous kittens—were found living in deplorable, overcrowded conditions. More than 50 first responders, including staff and volunteers from the American Humane Association, which also provided sheltering services, and PetSmart Charities, which provided much-needed supplies, assisted in the raid.

"We are grateful to be in a position to provide assistance in this overwhelming situation," says executive director Shelley Thayer. "Right now, our primary concern is to offer a stable environment along with proper care and love. On Saturday, July 10th, these adorable cats will be available for adoption. We hope that every cat will quickly find a permanent home here in Sarasota and Manatee Counties."

When asked why Cat Depot would accept cats from Pennsylvania, Thayer responded. "Cruelty and hoarding in large numbers can happen anywhere. When it happens in our own backyard, we will reach out to the organizations that we are helping and hope that they will assist us. No city is excluded from of this kind of devastation."

Cat Depot works with local rescue groups, animal services, and the general public to find homes for unwanted felines. Cat Depot's goal in 2010 is to find good homes for 1,000 cats and kittens.

For more information about these cats and Cat Depot, please visit their website at:
www.catdepot.org.

If you would like to make a donation, volunteer or become a member and support Cat Depot's mission to save lives, please visit their website at www.catdepot.org or call (941) 366-2404. Cat Depot is located at 2542 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234 and is open 7 days a week, M-F, 11am to 7pm and S-S, 11am to 5pm.

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