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**FOOD BANK OPENS AT CAT DEPOT
CELEBRATING NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY**

Sarasota, Florida – (September 14, 2011) – Cat Depot announced it will celebrate National Feral Cat Day by hosting a food bank and informational seminars on Saturday, October 15 from noon to 4 p.m. The food bank will be open to those in the community supporting feral cats, or who are in need of wet and dry food for their personal pets. The food bank will be open to the public thereafter, on the last Sunday of every month from 12 to 3 p.m.

Two informational seminars will be held in the Cat Depot Education and Activity Center:

2:00 p.m. How to safely trap feral cats

3:00 p.m. How to start and manage a cat colony

National Feral Cat Day was launched in 2001 by Alley Cat Allies, the national advocate for stray and feral cats. Alley Cat Allies is the foremost authority on a program called Trap-Neuter-Return, a humane method of care that improves the lives of outdoor cats. With Trap-Neuter-Return, outdoor cats are humanely trapped and brought to a veterinarian to be evaluated, spayed or neutered, and vaccinated. Trap-Neuter-Return ends the cycle of breeding, makes cats better neighbors and improves everyone's lives. This year, with the help of the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter Grant, Cat Depot has sterilized and vaccinated more than 1,000 community cats.

Donations of food, both wet and dry and opened bags of food, are always accepted and appreciated.

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. Cat Depot houses over 125 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.

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 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 7pm, S-S, 11am to 5pm.

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