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CAT DEPOT RESCUES 34 CATS CATS ARRIVING FROM LOCAL RESCUE AND ALABAMA ANIMAL SHELTER

Sarasota, Fla., - July 20, 2015 - Cat Depot agreed to accept 14 cats rescued from the Lawrence County (Alabama) Animal Shelter by the ASPCA[®] (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals[®]). The cats arrive Tuesday, July 21, 2015, and will receive proper medical care, food and shelter at Cat Depot, and eventually be placed with adoptive homes. Cat Depot is expecting an additional 20 cats from a local rescue to arrive the same day.

“We are grateful that we can change the destiny of these deserving animals. Kittens are currently filling every available space so the 34 cats will be housed in our education center. Many of the cats from Alabama will need immediate medical care. We are asking volunteers to help feed and clean in the morning and early evening,” said Shelley Thayer, executive director, Cat Depot. “Our hope is that the community will step up with immediate support”.

Donations are greatly needed to provide emergency medical care and food.

The ASPCA assisted the Moulton Police Department in the removal of more than 300 animals from the Lawrence County Animal Shelter. At the scene, responders discovered the animals—including dogs and cats of all breeds and ages—living in filthy, deplorable conditions. Many of the animals were emaciated and appeared to be suffering from medical issues such as parvo, distemper and untreated wounds. Some of the animals were being housed in small wire crates and others in crowded enclosures where animals fought for resources and space.

The Lawrence County Commission has terminated its contract with Lawrence County Animal Shelter following a complaint from a shelter volunteer citing animal abuse and mistreatment at the facility. ASPCA experts are collecting and analyzing forensic evidence and providing legal support to help strengthen the criminal case and ensure the best outcomes for the animals.

Cat Depot, a nonprofit, 501(c)3 no-kill, free-roaming facility, is recognized for its progressive design and commitment to helping homeless, abandoned and injured animals. Cat Depot’s mission is to save lives, find loving homes, and provide the resources and education to improve the destiny of homeless cats. Cat Depot supports more than 130 cats and kittens on any given day.

Open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Handicap accessible. Cat Depot is located at 2542 17th Street, Sarasota, Fla. 34234. For more information, go to www.catdepot.org, or call 941.366.2404.

Cat Depot's Supply and Gift Store specializes in brand name cat food and litter, calming products, cat supplies and unique gifts. Open 7 days a week. Gift certificates are available.

Cat Depot's Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic offers affordable veterinary care to the public and is open six days a week Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call (941) 366-2404 for an appointment. Revenue raised from the Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic will help fund Cat Depot's mission to save the lives of homeless cats.

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