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Pasco County Animal Services to the Rescue

~~Animal Control officers rescue 36 animals from two hoarding cases~~

LAND O' LAKES, FL ---- Pasco County Animal Services has assisted in two hoarding cases resulting in the removal of 36 animals in the past week. Both cases occurred in Spring Hill but the circumstances for each case were very different.

In the first case, an animal hoarding team led by Animal Control Officer Jennifer Kiernan, helped an overwhelmed Pasco County resident by removing twenty six cats from a property inherited from a deceased relative. The heir of the Spring Hill property sent a plea for help to some of the area's rescue groups and shelters but unfortunately was unable to afford the fee involved in the removal and the care of the resident pets. Officer Kiernan and her team came to the rescue and safely transported, free of charge, all of the cats to Pasco County Animal Services located in Land O'Lakes. All of the cats were spayed/neutered, in good health and will soon be up for adoption.

In the second case, Animal Control Officer Lorraine Drake removed four unweaned kittens, an adult cat, 4 dogs and a rabbit from a run-down trailer also located in Spring Hill. The animals were living in a structure that was unstable and unsafe with mold growing in the walls and urine soaked clothing all over the floor. The animals were taken from the property and the pet owners were fined \$9000.00 for allowing the animals to live in such deplorable conditions and for failure to provide adequate veterinary care. Officer Drake transported all ten of the animals to the shelter where they are currently undergoing much needed medical care.

"It is an honor to work with such dedicated and compassionate professionals," said Animal Control Field Supervisor, Ron Altman. "Officer Drake and Officer Kiernan consistently demonstrate a commitment of safety towards the residents of this county and our Pasco pets."

The Pasco County Animal Services Department is dedicated to promoting and protecting the health, safety and welfare of animals and people. Visit the Pasco County Animal Services Adoption Center at 19640 Dogpatch Lane, Land O' Lakes, Florida. We're open Tuesday through Saturday, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information, including volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at: www.pascocountyfl.net/PAS.

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