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## **Pasco Animal Services Achieves ‘Top Tier’ Status**

*~~PCAS to serve as model for animal shelters nationwide~~*

**LAND O’ LAKES, FL** ---- [Pasco County Animal Services](#) (PCAS) is being formally recognized for inspiring positive change and helping pets and people in our community. We are proud to announce that **Human Animal Support Services (HASS)** has named PCAS a **Tier 1** shelter! This means PCAS will now officially serve as a mentor and example for animal shelters throughout the country.

### **HASS Tier 1 shelter requirements include:**

- ✓ Reuniting lost pets with their owners
- ✓ Resources for owners rehoming pets
- ✓ Resources for owners to keep pets
- ✓ Reducing length of shelter stays



PCAS already implements aspects of the HASS model through multiple events, including free microchip clinics and a pet food bank for residents in need.

“Supporting the human-animal bond is at the core of our mission,” said PCAS Assistant Director Spencer Conover. “We have presented our ideas to shelter directors and program investors nationwide, and we look forward to continuing as an ambassador for community-based animal sheltering.”

[HASS](#) is a national coalition led by [American Pets Alive!](#) that focuses on reducing shelter intakes and ensuring community support for people and their pets. The group formed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which threatened pet owners’ ability to keep their pets and led to more adoption and fostering.

*The Pasco County Animal Services Department is dedicated to promoting and protecting the health, safety and welfare of animals and people. For more information, including a full list of programs and services, please visit our website at: [MyPasco.net/PAS](http://MyPasco.net/PAS).*

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