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## **Pasco County Animal Services Represented on State Board**

*~~Director to serve three-year term with Florida Animal Control Association~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- [Pasco County Animal Services](#) (PCAS) is proud to take its premier service and progressive approach to animal sheltering to the state level with Director Mike Shumate’s recent election to the [Florida Animal Control Association](#) (FACA) Board of Directors.

As part of the FACA board, Shumate will represent Pasco, Hernando, Sumter, Citrus, Marion and Levy counties for a three-year term ending in 2024.

“I want to see FACA continue to develop into the premier state level animal control association in the country,” Shumate said. “I’m proud of everything PCAS has achieved, and I’m excited to use my new position to help make a positive impact on animal control throughout Florida.”



*PCAS Director Mike Shumate*

Shumate joined PCAS in October 2013. Under his leadership, the shelter strives to [save at least 90% of animals](#) who come through the doors. In 2020, PCAS achieved a 94% live-release rate! PCAS also grew its budget to \$4.9 million and its staff to 47 full-time employees.

The shelter has also received FACA’s Animal Control Officer of the Year award for three consecutive years and Supervisor of the Year award for two consecutive years. Shumate also guided PCAS to achieving [Human Animal Support Services](#) Tier 1 shelter status by developing several programs to help owners keep their pets.

*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](#).*

