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SUNCOAST HUMANE SOCIETY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AND FOSTER HOMES

Just as the snow birds head north, leaving our area with far fewer people, so goes the foster home and volunteer programs at Suncoast Humane Society. The Society has approximately 20 foster parents that provide temporary care for the puppies and kittens that arrive at their animal care center, too young for a permanent adoption. Dogs and cats with minor medical or temperament issues, needing to be healthy and well-adjusted prior to placement, are also fostered.

During season, nearly 150 volunteers assist Suncoast Humane Society's animal care and customer service staff with a variety of activities including dog and cat socializing (walking and cuddling). They are also used to help with visitors, guiding them through the pet adoption areas. Volunteers are also needed to help with the many fundraising and outreach events. This includes the Pet Therapy teams that visit schools, hospitals and assisted living facilities, providing comfort, smiles and joy.

Executive Director, Phil Snyder stated; "We lose 75% of our volunteer force at the same time the homeless animal population starts to explode. We are also dependent on our outreach programs to raise awareness, and fundraising activities to raise badly needed funds. The need for dependable volunteers and foster parents is now."

You may also wish to volunteer at one of the Society's three (3) thrift stores, in Englewood, Venice and North Port. Volunteers help with selecting, pricing and selling quality donated household and other items. The revenue from these thrift stores directly benefit the Society's animals and programs

If you have time to commit, and want to help make a difference in the lives of both animals and people, you may consider joining the foster care and/or volunteer program of Suncoast Humane Society. For further information contact Cheryl Casey, Volunteer Manager, at 941-474-7884, or visit their web site at www.humane.org.