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**Lee County Domestic Animal Services receives Rachael Ray Save Them All COVID-19 Relief Grant from Best Friends Animal Society to help save homeless pets**

Fort Myers, FL, June 9, 2020 — Lee County Domestic Animal Services is pleased to have received a Rachael Ray Save Them All COVID-19 Relief Grant from [Best Friends Animal Society](#) to help the agency save the lives of homeless pets living in Lee County.

“This grant allows us to continue our work by helping us provide emergency veterinary care, which is central to our organization’s mission as we serve our community,” said Sandra Tapfumaneyi, director of Lee County Domestic Animal Services. “It is our goal to assist residents affected by economic hardships due to the pandemic. We are grateful to our community for their support and appreciate the help from Best Friends Animal Society in making this possible.”

Pet owners in need of assistance with pet food or veterinary services can visit [www.lee-lost-pets.com](http://www.lee-lost-pets.com) or call 239-533-7387.

The Rachael Ray Save Them All COVID-19 Relief Program, administered by Best Friends and funded by The Rachael Ray Foundation™, provides COVID-19 relief grants to shelters and rescue groups across the country. The Rachael Ray Foundation helps animals in need and is funded by a portion of proceeds from each sale of Rachael's pet food, Nutrish®.

**About Lee County Domestic Animal Services**

The mission of Lee County Domestic Animal Services is to balance and benefit the health, safety and welfare needs of the people and animals in the county. LCDAS welcomes community assistance through adoption and foster programs, pet placement partnerships, supportive local, state and national organizations, and donations to the Animal Care Trust Fund to ensure successful placement of animals in permanent homes. LCDAS changes and adapts to the needs of the community and maintains standards of care consistent with current animal sheltering and welfare guidelines. LCDAS aspires to be the leader in animal sheltering and animal welfare based on principles of humane care and handling.

**About Best Friends Animal Society**

Best Friends Animal Society is a leading national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. In addition to running lifesaving programs in partnership with more than 2,800 animal welfare groups across the country, Best Friends has regional centers in New York City, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Salt Lake City, and Houston and operates the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals. Founded in 1984, Best Friends is a pioneer in the no-kill movement and has helped reduce the number of animals killed in shelters nationwide from an estimated 17 million per year to around 733,000. That means there are still about 2,000 dogs and cats killed every day in shelters, just because they don't have safe places to call home. We are determined to bring the country to no-kill by the year 2025. Working collaboratively with shelters, rescue groups, other organizations and you, we will end the killing and Save Them All. To check out our community lifesaving dashboard and for more information, visit [bestfriends.org](http://bestfriends.org).

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