



## Phoenix Animal Rescue

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### PSA's

## 15 Adoption (Radio)

*[Sounds of dogs barking]*

Did you know that of the eight million pets that enter animal shelters each year, approximately three million are euthanized? It is estimated that seventeen million people will acquire a pet this year, if just three million of those people adopt, we can put a stop to euthanasia. Phoenix Animal Rescue encourages you to ADOPT, not SHOP.

## 30 Euthanasia (Radio)

Voice 1:

It's ok Homer, you're a good boy. This isn't going to hurt. You were such a good dog.

*[Weeping sounds]*

Voice 2:

More than three thousand homeless pets enter shelters in Alachua County every year. Of those, more than one thousand are put to rest. As difficult as it is to do, sweet, loving dogs, cats, puppies and kitties are put down at an alarming rate.

Millions of pets are put down every year, and thousands more suffer in the streets. You can reduce these numbers by spaying and neutering your pets to prevent unwanted litters. For affordable spay and neuter programs near you please visit the ASPCA website at w-w-w dot A-S-P-C-A dot org.

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## **60 Animal Cruelty** (Radio)

*[Sounds of dog whimpering]*

There are thousands of victims of animal cruelty in the United States every year. Violence toward animals is often a precursor of violence toward people.

*[Sounds of crying baby and barking dog]*

Studies have shown that eighty-three percent of those who abuse animals have children who are also suffering from abuse and neglect. Reporting animal cruelty can not only save a pet, but also prevent further situations of abuse. It is up to us to stop abuse, in all of its forms, and for all of its victims.

April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month, and Phoenix Animal Rescue is working hard to prevent animal abuse throughout Alachua County. Together we can make a difference for these sweet, loving companions, and prevent animal cruelty.

Neglecting to provide an animal with basic needs like fresh water, food, shelter and necessary veterinary care is animal cruelty, and it is against the law! To learn more about the signs of animal cruelty visit our website at w-w-w dot phoenix animal rescue dot org.

If you believe an animal is being abused or neglected, please contact Alachua County Animal Services at 352-264-6870. You may be the animal's last hope!

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