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**CELEBRATE FLORIDA WEEK FOR THE ANIMALS BY  
FOSTERING HOPE FOR FUTURE PETS**

Immediate Release

**MARION COUNTY, Fla.** (Feb. 3, 2012) – Did you know you can help care for some of the smallest, youngest and most helpless animals in Marion County? By becoming a foster parent to a cat or dog that's too young or sick to be placed for adoption, you can give that animal a second chance at a happy ending.

Feb. 4-12 is designated as the Florida Week for the Animals and is the perfect time to sign up for Marion County Animal Services' foster program. Staff will welcome you to the program once you submit your application (available at the Animal Center) and confirm you meet all the requirements, including ensuring your own animals are current on their rabies vaccines and county licenses. Foster families are responsible for keeping the animals inside their home and providing food, water and lots of love; Animal Services will provide vaccinations and health checks as needed.

Sign up for Animal Services' foster program this week to stand up for animals all year long. Call 352-671-8700 or visit the Animal Center (5701 SE 66th St., Ocala) for more information.

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