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Sharing among Humane Societies

Hurricane Irma was traumatic for humans and animals alike, but it also brought out the generosity in people and in this case neighboring humane societies.

Following Hurricane Irma, the Humane Society of Manatee County had received an overabundance of pet food and supplies from generous donors. So, after learning that Suncoast Humane Society had suffered some damage from the storm, and that their Pet Food Pantry had been depleted, Rick Yocum, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Manatee County, decided they had enough to share.

After calling Suncoast Humane Society Mr. Yocum loaded up and delivered a truck load of pet food, kitty litter and pet supplies. He said, “It feels good to be able to help a neighboring humane society and their animals. After all we are all working for a common cause in our communities.” Phil Snyder, Suncoast Humane Society’s executive director added, “The generosity of Rick Yocum and the Humane Society of Manatee County could not have come at a better time. Our pet food pantry was empty following Irma. We are very grateful.”

Suncoast Humane Society has been serving animals and people since 1971. Founded as Englewood Animal Aid Society, the organization’s services and programs were soon challenged to meet the demands placed on them by the pet over-population crises.

Expansions to their facility in Englewood during the 1980s and 1990s helped the Society to more effectively provide for a growing service area. To reflect the changes, the organization became Suncoast Humane Society. Over time our service area expanded and is now Charlotte County, Sarasota County, the Boca Grande portion of Lee County and beyond.
Visit our adoptable pets and learn more about Suncoast Humane Society online at www.humane.org, in person at 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224 or at one of our many community events!

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Left to Right...Phil Snyder, Executive Director of Suncoast Humane Society and Rick Yocum, Executive Director of Humane Society of Manatee County.