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NEWS RELEASE

Blood Drive at the Humane Society of Sarasota County, Inc.
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Suncoast Communities Blood Bank (SCBB) and the Humane Society of Sarasota County, Inc. (HSSC) are hosting a blood drive on July 30, 2005. SCBB's Bloodmobile will be at the Humane Society, 2331 15th Street, in Sarasota from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This is an exciting opportunity for people to not only donate blood during the summer months, which is often a critical time for the Blood Bank, but it's also a chance for people to adopt an animal in need of a loving home. Anyone who registers to donate blood will receive a \$15 gift certificate towards an animal adoption, 10 % discount on retail items at the Humane Society, a goody bag from HSSC, an SCBB T-Shirt and an SCBB Umbrella. As an additional thank you to registered blood donors there will be a cholesterol check upon request and a chance to win a 7 day cruise on Carnival Miracle.

SCBB is an independent Blood Bank that has provided a safe, reliable and adequate supply of blood and blood products to the community for more than 50 years. SCBB relies on volunteer blood donors to provide this blood supply to Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Doctors Hospital and DeSoto Memorial Hospital. This service to the hospitals can only come from its community. It is community support that helps to supply this lifesaving gift to people in need.

As mentioned above, the summer months are typically when SCBB experiences a shortage of blood donations because seasonal residents and yearly residents either return north or take a vacation. SCBB encourages all people to consider donating during this very important time. One blood donation can help save up to three lives. To qualify to donate a person must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in generally good health. For more information about this blood drive or about making a blood donation please call 941-954-1600 Extension 240 or visit www.scbb.org.

Since 1952, the Humane Society of Sarasota County, Inc. has cared for more than 180,000 orphaned animals and provides a host of community services, including humane education, low-cost spay/neuter, pet therapy and volunteer opportunities. Relying strictly on donations, HSSC receives no money from the Animal Rescue Coalition, the Humane Society of the United States or from any other animal welfare or government organization. For more information, call 941-955-4131 or visit HSSC's website at www.hsc.org.

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