

Florida Sheriffs That Have Taken Proactive Measures To Combat Animal Abuse

In Florida, several sheriffs have taken proactive measures to combat animal abuse, establishing specialized units and initiatives to enforce animal welfare laws. These sheriffs exemplify a growing trend among Florida law enforcement to prioritize animal welfare through dedicated units and collaborative efforts.

Here are some notable examples:

Lee County – Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Sheriff Carmine Marceno of Lee County has been a leading figure in the fight against animal cruelty. In April 2020, he established the **Animal Cruelty Task Force**, dedicated to investigating and prosecuting cases of animal abuse and neglect. This task force focuses on educating residents about animal welfare and enforcing Florida State Statute 828.12. Sheriff Marceno has emphasized a zero-tolerance policy for animal abuse, stating his commitment to seeking justice for those who cannot protect themselves. He has implemented a practice where individuals arrested for animal cruelty are subjected to a public "walk of shame," a deliberate effort to highlight the seriousness of such offenses and deter future abuse.

<https://www.sheriffleefl.org/task-force/>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3650425881925246>

<https://people.com/florida-man-charged-after-2-cat-heads-were-found-on-homeowners-mailbox-11697923>

https://youtu.be/XQmE5a5yOCM?si=Hd18H_0xQfOh-UPb

<https://youtube.com/shorts/mTFghz8vxel?si=Qs0thUNGoxqrICCV>

<https://www.youtube.com/live/SYbX6MRWVpw?si=xM7J-uZ9XqQUKMGy>

<https://youtu.be/VZ3BCGxy1Vk?>

Polk County – Sheriff Grady Judd

In Polk County, Sheriff Grady Judd has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing animal cruelty. The Polk County Sheriff's Office has launched initiatives aimed at investigating and preventing animal abuse, ensuring that offenders are held accountable.

Polk County launches new animal cruelty investigation unit:

<https://youtu.be/e0vG8lAdA0A?si=63QCkj9OEpWt9enP>

Collier County – Sheriff Kevin Rambosk

Sheriff Kevin Rambosk of Collier County has established the **Animal Cruelty Investigations Alliance**, a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, veterinarians, and animal welfare organizations. This alliance focuses on investigating and preventing animal abuse and neglect, providing resources and support for animal protection.

<https://www.brevardsheriff.com/animal-services/animal-enforcement-unit/>