



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Humane Society of North Central Florida

Request Date:	5/15/2026
Requesting Organization:	Humane Society of North Central Florida
Contact Name:	Franziska Raeber
Event Name:	Purrs and Tales
Event Date:	6/26/2026
Event Summary:	Purrs & Tales is a summer reading and humane education program designed to encourage literacy, compassion, and positive experiences with animals among children in Alachua County. The program combines reading activities with animal interactions, kitten story sessions, and shelter engagement opportunities to help children build confidence while learning empathy and responsible pet care. Participants will track their reading progress through punch cards and receive small incentives and recognition items such as stickers, badges, and prizes to encourage continued participation. The program will also include educational activities focused on animal welfare, kindness, volunteering, and safe interactions with pets. Through Purrs & Tales, the Humane Society of North Central Florida hopes to: - Promote literacy and educational enrichment during the summer months - Introduce children to animal welfare and shelter operations - Encourage compassion, empathy, and responsible pet ownership - Foster positive community engagement and volunteer interest - Create safe, enriching experiences connecting children and animals
Number of Attendees:	50
Expenses Summary:	The proposed budget for the Purrs & Tales Summer Reading Program is approximately \$750 and will support reading punch cards, participant prizes, stickers and badges for young readers, humane education materials, crafts, and supplies for kitten story sessions.
Requested Amount:	\$750
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$600
Authorized By:	