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- CLEAR SKIES AHEAD -
NEW BIRD DOG ARRIVES AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Nov. 7, 2008) – Sky, a 1-year-old, tri-color female Border collie has been named as the official airport bird dog at Southwest Florida International Airport. She will succeed Radar, a 9½ -year-old black and white female Border collie, who retired earlier this year after a successful 7-year career with the Lee County Port Authority.

In 1999, Southwest Florida International Airport became the first commercial airport in the nation to use a dog as part of its Wildlife Management Program to control bird activity on the airfield. Jet, a black and white male Border collie, was the first bird dog at RSW and he retired in 2001.

“We are pleased that Sky will be joining our team at Southwest Florida International Airport,” said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. “Like our past bird dogs, her job will be to provide an environmentally-friendly alternative to wildlife management on our airfield that will protect passengers, planes and birds at RSW.”

Sky was adopted from Flyaway Farm & Kennels in North Carolina and is trained to herd, not hurt the birds. She will make regular patrols in areas near the runway and taxiways with her handler, Airport Operations Agent James Hess.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 8 million passengers in 2007 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. To learn more, visit www.flylcpa.com.