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HAWS WELCOMES RESCUE FLIGHT FROM LOUISIANA

Waukesha animal resource center partnering with shelters after Hurricane Laura

WAUKESHA – August 31, 2020. The Humane Animal Welfare Society (<u>HAWS</u>) welcomes a special <u>Wings</u> of <u>Rescue</u> flight to Crites Field in Waukesha TODAY as part of a relief effort for at-risk shelter pets in Louisiana, in the wake of Hurricane Laura's devastation.

The 31 dogs and 9 cats on this flight were all living in shelters in the Alexandria Parish area, available for adoption, when Hurricane Laura hit. This transport allows the various animal welfare facilities in Louisiana to clear space for pets in need of emergency shelter, and to enable those pets separated from their owners to be reunited quickly and safely. *This Wings of Rescue flight is made possible by partnerships with HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) and GreaterGood.org.*

The pets will be available for adoption after HAWS completes health exams and any necessary medical care, including spaying and neutering. Donations to help with their care are appreciated: <u>https://hawspets.org/donate-to-haws/</u>

The Wings of Rescue flight from Hammond, LA, will arrive at Waukesha's Crites Field at approximately 12:30pm. Progress of the flight can be followed on <u>www.flightaware.com</u>.

- Tail number: N455DK
- Terminal: Stein Aviation, 2651 Aviation Drive, Waukesha (Crites Field)

"HAWS is proud to be able to receive this Wings of Rescue transport flight," noted HAWS Executive Director Lynn Olenik. "While Louisiana residents deal with the devastation of Hurricane Laura, HAWS along with our community is honored to be a part of this rescue mission and welcome these pets into new loving homes here in Wisconsin."

A non-profit organization established in 1965, HAWS assists more than 8,000 animals and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors each year. As an open admission animal shelter and full service humane society, HAWS assures sanctuary for animals in need while offering many diverse programs and services to promote responsible pet ownership and prevent animal abuse. The Humane Animal Welfare Society is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin. For more information call (262) 542-8851 or log onto hawspets.org. Follow HAWS on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube!

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WINGS OF RESCUE

Wings of Rescue is a donation-based charity flying large scale transports of endangered pets from overcrowded shelters and disaster areas to shelters where there is empty kennel space and where no local shelter pets are displaced by the flights. Founded in 2012, Wings of Rescue has a squadron of volunteer pilots flying rescue missions in their own planes as well as a fleet of chartered cargo planes. Since inception, more than 30,000 pets have flown to safety. All personnel at Wings of Rescue are unpaid volunteers and the organization relies entirely on donations to fly its lifesaving missions.