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HAWS TO WELCOME WINGS OF RESCUE FLIGHT TUESDAY

Transport to clear space in shelters hard hit by Hurricane Ida

The Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) is once again partnering with Wings of Rescue, for a lifesaving airlift of adoptable pets, assisting animals that were displaced due to the ravages of Hurricane Ida.

The flight is scheduled to land at Crites Field in Waukesha THIS TUESDAY, September 7th, at Noon.

Approximately 100 pets will be assisted by HAWS and our local partner shelters, Elmbrook Humane Society, the Humane Society of Sheboygan County, and the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin. These pets, which have all been cleared for adoption and are not identified as lost, are being flown to safety in order to clear space and resources in areas particularly hard hit by Hurricane Ida, which passed through parts of Mississippi and Louisiana over the weekend of August 28th and 29th.

Because these animals were already available for adoption at shelters in those southern states, they will be placed up for adoption locally in the coming days after medical evaluations and any needed treatment(s).

"We are thrilled to be able to welcome these animals to Waukesha and Wisconsin, and to give them safe haven in our community," noted Jennifer Smieja of HAWS. "While these pets have faced stressful times, we know our adopters will step up to offer each one of them comfort - and a very happy landing!"

Members of the media are encouraged to welcome the flight when it arrives tomorrow:

- The flight can be tracked through www.flightaware.com, using tail number BYA411.
- ETA at Crites Field is 12:00pm on Tuesday, September 7th.
- Unloading will take place at Stein Aviation, 2651 Aviation Drive, Waukesha.

ABOUT WINGS OF RESCUE

Wings of Rescue is a donation-based charity flying large-scale transports of at-risk shelter pets from overcrowded shelters and disaster zones to partner shelters where there is empty kennel space. Founded in 2012 and headquartered in Southern California, Wings of Rescue utilizes chartered cargo planes to "Let the Fur Fly" from and to locations in the United States and internationally. Since its inception in 2012, more than 58,000 pets have flown to safety. So far in 2021, Wings of Rescue has flown over 40 flights carrying 6,000+ pets to safe havens and delivered over 50,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies to shelters in need. For more information visit: www.wingsofrescue.org

ABOUT HAWS

The Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) is an open admission, no-kill animal shelter and humane society dedicated to strengthening the relationship between animals and humans through adoptions and education, making a more compassionate community possible. A non-profit organization established in 1965, each year HAWS assists over 8,000 animals and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors.

HAWS 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, LinkedIn and YouTube!

HAWS: Growing Our Humane Community.