



HAWS JOINS GREATER GOOD CHARITIES, SOUTHWEST AIRLINES, AND LUCKY DOG ANIMAL RESCUE TO OPERATE EMERGENCY AIRLIFT OF MORE THAN 150 SHELTER PETS FROM THE SOUTHEAST TO THE MIDWEST

Local Wisconsin Shelter Receives Shelter Pets Impacted by the Storms

Waukesha, WI (October 11, 2024) In response to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, **HAWS – the Humane Animal Welfare Society** and local shelters Elmbrook Humane Society, Washington County Humane Society, Humane Society of Jefferson County, Dane County Humane Society, Green County Humane Society and Eau Claire Community Humane Association, are joining Greater Good Charities, in partnership with Southwest Airlines®, and Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, to operate an emergency airlift of more than 150 shelter pets impacted by the storms from the Southeast to the Midwest to find new homes. The aircraft used in this rescue flight is operating on a charter flight that Southwest is donating as part of relief efforts.

HAWS will welcome close to 40 pets to the shelter in Waukesha – including dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. These pets will receive any needed follow-up care and be available for adoption as soon as possible during the week of October 14th. *Those interested in adopting should watch for announcements on HAWS' Facebook page and website, hawspets.org.*

NOTE: Members of the media are encouraged to join the team at HAWS, 701 Northview Road, Waukesha, for animal intake! Transport vans should be arriving at HAWS from Mitchell International Airport after 4pm CST. For updates on Saturday afternoon's ETA at HAWS, please contact Jen Smieja at 262-408-7083.

The shelter pets flown on this emergency airlift, on Saturday, October 12, were in the care of animal shelters in Tennessee and Florida prior to the two hurricanes. To secure their safety and ensure the impacted organizations could serve the needs of their communities, the shelter pets were transferred to Lucky Dog Animal Rescue's South Carolina Rescue Campus in Florence, S.C. The campus serves as a life-saving transport hub for shelter pets in the South where pet overpopulation exceeds the capacity of local adoption. This emergency airlift allows Lucky Dog Animal Rescue to support more displaced and injured pets from these disasters while they continue to support overcrowded animal shelters in impacted communities in the Southeast, including Florida.

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HAWS

A non-profit organization established in 1965, the Humane Animal Welfare Society assists over 10,000 animals and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors each year. HAWS is an open admission, no-kill shelter dedicated to strengthening the relationship between animals and humans through adoptions and education, making a more compassionate community possible. 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](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [YouTube](#). HAWS: Growing Our Humane Community.

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