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DOG IS MY COPILOT TRANSPORTS ANIMALS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

Dogs and cats take to the air for a better chance at finding a home.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Dog Is My CoPilot (DIMC) is partnering with San Antonio Pets Alive (SAPA!) on Oct. 5 to transport cats and dogs affected by Hurricane Harvey to shelters with space and resources that can board them until they are adopted.

SAPA! has already taken in 250 animals that were displaced by Hurricane Harvey. By transporting some of the animals that were cared for prior to the storm, they will be able to help and care for more animals as well as increase the chances that families will be able to find and reunite with their missing pets.

“Recovery is long and laborious, but we are committed to continue our work to help save these animals,” stated, Clare Callison, Operations Director with San Antonio Pets Alive. “We are full of gratitude for all the support and help we have received from volunteers, donors, fosters and the shelters receiving the animals transported by DIMC.”

DIMC will begin the day by loading the animals into the Cessna 208B. Once the animals are loaded they will take off and be delivered to the Animal Adoption Center of Jackson in Wyoming, the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley in Hailey, Idaho, the Idaho Humane Society in Boise, Idaho and One Tail at A Time who will be driving all the way from Portland, Ore. to Boise, Idaho to pick up 15 of the animals to bring back to their rescue.

“Every animal we transport saves two; the one that we save and the one that takes its place,” stated Peter Rork, President and Chief Pilot of DIMC. “We are thrilled to be part of this important work, especially when extra help is needed after Hurricane Harvey.”

In the last five years, DIMC has experienced great success in saving a few hundred dogs and cats to rescuing over 2,500 in the past year alone. In total, they have been able to rescue over 7,600 animals. To help them in their mission to save animals from euthanasia, help donate to their five-year anniversary campaign at <https://www.gofundme.com/DogCopilot5Year>. To help San Antonio Pets Alive! save animals from euthanasia in San Antonio and along the Harvey-affected Texas Coastal bend, please visit sanantoniopetsalive.org and click on the *donate* button.

“This work is about giving second chances to these animals,” stated, Nadia Novik Director of Shelter Outreach at the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley. “With everyone teaming together, we are able to give some support and relief to Texas while they are still recovering from the storm and help find these animals a new home.”

“We are honored to be part of this multi-state rescue effort and to have the opportunity to open the Animal Adoption Center to animals affected by Hurricane Harvey for the second time this fall.” Carrie Boynton, Executive Director.

"Being based in Portland, OR gives us the opportunity to unburden overcrowded shelters in other states where dog adoption is not as prevalent. That becomes even more important in times of natural disaster like we're seeing in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico," stated Juli Zagrans, Executive Director of One Tail at A Time - Portland. “We believe that staying connected is our best chance at making a difference during difficult times, which is why we are excited to work with DIMC and SAPA! to clear space in Texas shelters so that those displaced by the hurricane have a chance at being reunited with their families, and the deserving dogs who were already in those struggling areas have a shot at the OTAT PDX Good Life."

“Flying animals to our shelter and to other animal welfare organizations across the country opens up space in Houston-area facilities to accommodate the stray pets that continue to come in because of Harvey,” said Jeff Rosenthal, Idaho Humane Society executive director. “We are happy to find homes for animals that were in shelters before Harvey so that resources in Texas can be directed to reuniting families and pets that became separated during the storm. We love working with Dog Is My CoPilot and San Antonio Pets Alive on rescue efforts throughout the year, and we’re excited to be partnering with them once again.”

ABOUT DOG IS MY COPILOT:

DIMC provides long-distance air transportation where ground transportation makes no sense; from the organizations with high euthanasia rates to those that will never put a healthy animal down. Thousands of animals have been saved from being euthanized due to overcrowding and then are given a better chance of being adopted. DIMC works with municipal animal shelters and nonprofit animal rescue organizations to coordinate flights to continue to save animal lives.

ABOUT SAN ANTONIO PETS ALIVE! :

San Antonio Pets Alive! is a life-saving nonprofit organization that solely rescues dogs and cats selected for euthanasia at the San Antonio City Shelter. We save these animals after all other options have been exhausted. Our vision is to make San Antonio a No-Kill Community. SAPA! is the last hope for animals kenneled at the city shelter awaiting euthanasia. SAPA!’s innovative programs include saving puppies with medical needs and/or the parvovirus and caring for neonatal kittens too young to survive without trained help. SAPA!’s transportation program, Headin’ Home, selects at-risk dogs in San Antonio to make the trip to nonprofit animal sheltering organizations in other states without the pet overpopulation issues our community faces here. SAPA!’s robust volunteer and foster teams work hand-in-hand with staff to save thousands of animals who otherwise have no other options with these innovative programs. Since SAPA!’s inception in 2012, SAPA! has saved over 35,000 companion animals.

ABOUT IDAHO HUMANE SOCIETY:

The Idaho Humane Society is the largest and oldest animal welfare organization and veterinary charity in the state of Idaho. It is a private nonprofit organization. The open-admission facility took in more than 12,000 animals last year. You can learn more at idahohumanesociety.org.

ABOUT ANIMAL SHELTER OF THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY

The Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley, the first “no kill” shelter in Idaho, promotes companion animal welfare by providing temporary shelter for homeless animals, adopting them to qualified homes and reducing animal abuse, neglect and overpopulation through community education and spay/neuter services. The Shelter is funded almost entirely by private donations and grants.

For more information call 208-788-4351, or visit online at www.animalshelterwrv.org

ABOUT ONE TAIL AT A TIME | PDX

One Tail at a Time | PDX is an all-breed, no-kill dog rescue committed to lowering euthanasia rates through the rescue and adoption of dogs in need; comprehensive support of adopters; and community outreach through humane education programs and assistance for disadvantaged and low-income families. All OTAT PDX dogs live in approved, loving and committed volunteer foster homes until permanently adopted.

ABOUT ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER

Animal Adoption Center is dedicated to saving the lives of homeless animals through rescue, adoption, education and spay/neuter. Since our inception in 2004, the AAC has rescued and found loving homes for more than 3,400 animals and has spayed or neutered more than 9,000 across the state of Wyoming. Through education and outreach we are breaking through barriers associated with homeless pets and raising awareness around the significant role spay and neuter plays in reducing the number of unwanted animals in shelters nationwide. Learn more at www.animaladoptioncenter.org or call Carrie Boynton at 307-739-1881.

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