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# **Animal Welfare Association Welcomes 6 Quake-rattled Dogs from Puerto Rico**

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Voorhees, NJ - Animal Welfare Association received a transport of 6 dogs from Puerto Rico on Sunday from a shelter affected by the recent earthquakes. The dogs were flown into Morristown Airport and driven down to Animal Welfare Association in Voorhees, NJ. A total of 116 dogs and cats were transported to shelters in Florida, Delaware, and New Jersey from a shelter Puerto Rico in order to make room for animals displaced by the earthquakes.

Since early January, areas of Puerto Rico have been affected by up to 6.4 magnitude deadly earthquakes and aftershocks. The earthquakes have left thousands of people and their pets displaced from their homes and needing places to stay while rebuilding efforts are taking place.

“When we heard about the earthquakes in Puerto Rico we immediately reached out to our rescue partners to see if there were any shelters that needed assistance with re-homing animals from the affected areas,” says Maya Richmond, Executive Director at AWA. “We are so happy to take in the dogs so that we can provide the medical treatment they need and find them forever homes with loving families.”

The dogs transported to AWA are currently getting their medical and behavioral evaluations prior to being placed up for adopted. Some were already spayed and neutered and those that were not will receive the surgery prior to being available for adoption.

Please check our website for their current availability. For more information, please visit [www.awanj.org](http://www.awanj.org).

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**Animal Welfare Association**, a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, in 2017 over 22,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey’s leader in progressive companion animal care.