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AWA Joins National Rescue for Hurricane Harvey Animals

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Voorhees, NJ: Animal Welfare Association (AWA) is joining forces with national animal welfare organizations to help animals affected by Hurricane Harvey. Several groups are on the ground in Houston trying to rescue all of the pets that were left behind during the massive floods. Those pets need temporary shelter, and many will be housed in local Texas animal shelters until their owners can reclaim them. In order to make space in those shelters, a national network of volunteers, rescues and organizations including AWA are transporting homeless animals out of Texas and into other shelters around the country. The animals that are being transported were already homeless, stray, or unclaimed before the hurricane hit.

“The impact of the hurricane on animals in Texas is severe, and AWA is honored to play a role in the rescue efforts. Transport programs for homeless animals are critically important,” says Maya Richmond, Executive Director of AWA. “Because of the national transport network, we can move homeless pets out of Texas to AWA and other shelters around the country. Those pets will be adopted rather than euthanized to make space for owned pets in Texas to use the shelters as a temporary refuge.”

AWA received the first group of dogs on 8/29/17 and will continue to accept animals from Texas according to shelter space and need. The rescue effort will be ongoing and come in waves, and AWA anticipates taking in ill, injured, and frightened animals in the months to come.

To learn how you can help, please visit www.awanj.org/hurricane-harvey-rescue

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About AWA

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 2016 over 23,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.