



**HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NORTH TEXAS**

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Media Alert

Humane Society of North Texas, SPCA of Texas, and Second Chance Farm Collaborate to Care for Pets Affected by Hurricane Helene

65 Pets from Humane Society in Georgia transported to Texas by Wings of Rescue

WHO:

[Humane Society of North Texas](#)
[Humane Society of Valdosta/Lowndes County](#)
[SPCA of Texas](#)
[Second Chance Farm](#)
[Wings of Rescue](#)

WHAT:

Hurricane Helene struck the City of Valdosta, Georgia on Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, and destroyed the town. This city of 55,000 is located in Lowndes County, the majority of which is without power and water safe for drinking.

In a plea for help, the Humane Society of Valdosta/Lowndes County (HSVLC) reached out to Wings of Rescue the evening of September 29th. Within 24 hours, Wings of Rescue had contacted the Humane Society of North Texas, SPCA of Texas and Second Chance Farm, all of whom agreed to help. Then Wings of Rescue agreed to fly 65 pets that were residents of the HSVLC prior to the hurricane, to Texas. This makes room for pets lost or left homeless by Hurricane Helene to be cared for in the local shelter, in hopes that their owners can find them. HSVLC expects stray pets to be brought to their shelter from all avenues including first responders, citizens and good neighbors.

WHEN:

TODAY – Tuesday, October 1, 2024; 4:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Texas Jet, Inc. – Fort Worth Meacham Int'l Airport
200 Texas Way
Fort Worth, TX 76106

WHY:

It is the mission of the SPCA of Texas, the Humane Society of North Texas and Second Chance Farm to care for vulnerable animals in need and to help them find forever homes. When contacted by Wings of Rescue, all three organizations immediately said, “Yes” to helping the HSV and their beautiful pets.

“Helene left Valdosta, Georgia in ruins, where trees toppled onto houses and flood waters poured through homes. The city’s animal shelters, which were already at capacity, are taking in huge numbers of pets who were separated from their families as Helene ravaged the city. To make room for these strays – who hopefully will be reunited with their families – many shelters euthanized all the pets who were in their facilities prior to the disaster. Humane Society of Valdosta/Lowndes County chose a different route and called Wings of Rescue, asking us to fly these dogs and cats to a place where they would be safe and adopted.”

-- Wings of Rescue President Ric Browde

About the Humane Society of North Texas

Since 1905, the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) has worked to eliminate animal cruelty, promote humane values and end animal homelessness in North Texas. As an independent nonprofit organization, HSNT relies on the generosity of the public to help ensure there is a safe place for abused, injured, and homeless animals in the community. To make a lifesaving donation, please visit hsnt.org/donate or [Facebook](#). To learn more about HSNT, [visit hsnt.org](https://hsnt.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [TikTok](#).

About Humane Society of Valdosta/Lowndes County

The mission of the Humane Society of Valdosta/Lowndes County (HSVLC) is to promote responsible pet ownership by teaching compassion, respect, and caring treatment for all animals. The HSVLC advocates the elimination of animal abuse, pet overpopulation and homelessness among companion animals by promoting spaying and neutering of all pets, promoting adoptions, and by providing education and outreach to the community at large.

We are a local non-profit animal welfare organization. HSVLC started in 1989 to be a voice for animals in our community. Our motto, “We speak for those who cannot speak for themselves,” expresses our commitment to improve the lives of animals through rescue, education, and advocacy. To learn more about Humane Society of Valdosta/Lowndes County visit humanesocietyofvaldosta.org.

About SPCA of Texas

Founded in 1938, the SPCA of Texas is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare organization that operates two shelters, one spay/neuter clinic, one mobile adoptions vehicle and an animal rescue center, all located in Dallas and Ellis Counties, and maintains a team of animal cruelty investigators who rescue hundreds of animals from cruelty each year in North Texas counties. Moreover, the SPCA of Texas serves as an active resource center for an array of services that bring people and animals together to enrich each other's lives.

The SPCA of Texas is not affiliated with any other entity and does not receive general operating funds from the City of Dallas, State of Texas, federal government or any other national humane organization. SPCA of Texas is dedicated to providing every animal exceptional care and a loving home. To learn more about the SPCA of Texas, visit spca.org.

About Second Chance Farm

Second Chance Farm was officially founded as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in 2012 after many years of being funded by founder, Sandi Walker's two small businesses. Our mission is to offer care and a peaceful living environment for abused, physically handicapped, aged or homeless animals. Second Chance Farm offers an open space facility, a place of refuge, to help in protecting the quality of life and improve the well-being of these animals through prevention, education, intervention, placement and lifetime care where they will live out their lives with dignity, love and respect.

The animals we take in are often deaf and/or blind while some have other challenges. We are devoted to giving Second Chances to those that may otherwise be overlooked. Many of our animals become eligible for adoption. Those who cannot, stay at the farm and live out their lives with dignity, respect, grace, and love with their farm family. As we say here at Second Chance Farm, we are Re-Defining Normal. To learn more about Second Chance Farm, visit secondchancefarmgranbury.org/.

About Wings of Rescue

Wings of Rescue is a donation-supported 501(c)3 public charity that flies abandoned, homeless and at-risk pets from overcrowded shelters and disaster areas to shelters with available space without displacing any locally sheltered pets. The result is that great pets in need of loving homes are brought to welcoming locations where families are eagerly waiting to adopt them. At Wings of Rescue, we strive to transport pets to their new homes safely, quickly and with as little stress as possible.

In times of natural disaster, we often use our in-bound planes to deliver humanitarian and veterinarian aid, pet supplies and shelter materials, thereby making the most efficient use of each of our flights. To learn more about Wings of Rescue visit wingsofrescue.org.