



# HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS

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## Media Alert

### **Humane Society of North Texas Welcomes 122 Shelter Pets Displaced by Hurricane Milton**

*Affected Pets are being Transported to North Texas by Wings of Rescue with  
Assistance from the Humane Society of the United States*

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#### **WHO:**

[Humane Society of North Texas](#)  
[Wings of Rescue](#)  
[Operation Kindness](#)  
[Humane Tomorrow](#)  
[SPCA of Texas](#)  
[Second Chance Farm](#)  
[The Humane Society of the United States](#)

#### **WHAT:**

The Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT), SPCA of Texas, Operation Kindness, Humane Tomorrow, and Second Chance Farm has partnered with Wings of Rescue to take in a total of 122 shelter pets displaced due to the impacts of Hurricane Milton. These pets were already in shelters in the affected areas and have been relocated to North Texas to free up space for animals separated from their owners during the storm. By welcoming these 122 pets, North Texas shelters are helping local Florida shelters focus on reuniting pets with their families during this difficult time. Wings of Rescue and the Humane Society of the United States coordinated the evacuation of out of the impacted areas.

#### **WHEN:**

Friday, October 11, 2024; 3:30 p.m. (approximately)  
All transported pets will be made available for adoption following health evaluations.

#### **WHERE:**

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

**WHY:**

With most shelters in hurricane-affected regions already at capacity, it's crucial to create room for the anticipated influx of animals that may have been separated from their families due to the storm. Assistance from HSNT and other North Texas shelters ensures that lost pets can be cared for locally, while the pets being transported to Texas have a safe place to await adoption.

"At the Humane Society of North Texas, we are committed to helping pets and people in times of crisis," said Destiny Vandeput, Director of Communications for HSNT. "By partnering with Wings of Rescue, we now have an opportunity to provide a safe refuge for these shelter pets, while giving local Florida shelters the kennel space they need to take in animals separated from their owners due to Hurricane Milton. It's heartwarming to see the community come together to ensure that every pet has a safe place to go during this challenging time."

**Visual Opportunities:**

Media can capture footage of the pets arriving at Meacham Airport

[Photos captured in Florida of pets being evacuated from shelters in the path of Hurricane Milton that were moved to the Alaqua Animal Refuge for temporary housing](#)

[Photos and videos from a 10.1.24 flight of evacuated Hurricane Helene pets](#)

HSNT will have a photographer/videographer on site to capture footage that can be distributed.

**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 not affiliated with any national 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](https://hsnt.org/donate) or [Facebook](#). To learn more about HSNT, [visit hsnt.org](https://hsnt.org), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [TikTok](#).

**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](https://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/](http://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](http://wingsofrescue.org).

### **About the Humane Society of the United States**

Founded in 1954, the Humane Society of the United States and its affiliates around the globe fight the big fights to end suffering for all animals. Together with millions of supporters, the HSUS takes on puppy mills, factory farms, trophy hunts, animal testing and other cruel industries, and together with its affiliates, rescues and provides direct care for over 100,000 animals every year. The HSUS works on reforming corporate policy, improving and enforcing laws and elevating public awareness on animal issues. More at [humanesociety.org](http://humanesociety.org).