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Hope Is in the Air as We Mark 50,000 Animals Rescued by Plane

In November of 2024, the ASPCA® (The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) helped transport 46 dogs from Mississippi to Massachusetts. With this transport, our Animal Relocation Program marked a significant milestone: 50,000 shelter animals relocated by flight.

These dogs were all unowned and housed at Oktibbeha County Humane Society (OCHS) before their transfer and included a mix of strays, owner surrenders and transfers from other local shelters. After arriving in Massachusetts, they were put up for adoption at three of our partner shelters: Second Chance Animal Services, Animal Rescue League of Boston and MSPCA-Angell Northeast Animal Shelter.

"This transport partnership with the ASPCA has allowed us to welcome hundreds of animals from overwhelmed shelters across the country, where they were able to find loving homes," said Mike Keiley, vice president of the MSPCA-Angell's Animal Protection Division. "The animal welfare community is dealing with a crisis — too many dogs and not enough adopters — that can only be addressed by relationships like this in which organizations band together to get homeless animals the positive outcomes they deserve. We're honored to be part of such a momentous milestone and look forward to working together with the ASPCA to rehome hundreds more animals in the years to come!"

Since the launch of our Animal Relocation Program in 2014, we have safely transported over 274,000 animals on more than 10,000 trips on the ground and in the air. We collaborate with a network of over 140 partner shelters in 46 states nationwide, relocating their animals to other shelters where those animals have greater chances of being adopted into loving homes.

You make this lifesaving work possible. Together, we give animals across the country the second chance they deserve.

Happy Tail: From Shy to Snuggly

When Susan decided she was ready for another dog after losing her beloved Chihuahua-mix, her daughter suggested looking online at the ASPCA. When she came across Junie B, Susan felt an instant connection. Junie B had come from an overcrowding situation and was initially nervous, but she soon blossomed under Susan's care.

"Junie B brings a lot of joy to our lives," says Susan. "I love waking up to that sweet face and wagging tail. She enjoys sunning on the back porch, cuddles on my lap, zoomies in the den and playing chase with our other dog. She has found her home."

Make Pet Adoption Your First Option® and urge all those you know to do the same.

Special Exhibition at New-York Historical Society Explores the History of New Yorkers and Their Pets over Three Centuries

Since our founding nearly 160 years ago, the ASPCA has been the leading voice for animals in the United States, and we're excited to share that our role as a leader in the animal welfare movement is featured in the new "Pets & the City" exhibit at the New-York Historical Society!

The exhibit explores the rich, complex and varied relationships between New Yorkers and their animal companions across the last three centuries. Select images from the ASPCA's archives are showcased in the exhibit, including our role operating New York City's first equine ambulance, providing spay/neuter services to shelter animals and the official ASPCA seal depicting an angel of mercy protecting a fallen carthorse from a spoke-wielding abuser.

The exhibition is on view through April 20, 2025.

A Note from Matt Bershadker

Guardians, with spring almost upon us, I am deeply grateful. You have contributed so much this past year, and the successes you read about here are truly thanks to you!

You were beside us as we achieved a major relocation milestone, and the next time you see a plane flying overhead, I want you to remember the thousands of animals you've saved. Animal transport doesn't just help these cats and dogs increase their chances of finding loving homes, it also frees up resources at partner shelters across the country, allowing them to take in more vulnerable animals. It is a cycle of hope.

I wish I could share a photo of every animal we help find a loving home. Because the only thing as powerful as your generosity is the depth of love between these animals and their adopters.

Thank you for all you've done and continue to do for animals!

Matt Bershadker, *President & CEO*

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