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**MEDIA ALERT**

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# Become a Hurricane Hero

*Pets transferred to San Diego from Florida to create space for shelter animals displaced by Hurricane Irma are ready to find new homes.*



**SAN DIEGO, CA** — More than a hundred pets were flown recently to San Diego from shelters in Florida to make space for animals affected by Hurricane Irma. Today more than 65 dogs and cats will be available for adoption at San Diego Humane Society's San Diego Campus, 5500 Gaines St. and 20 cats will be available for adoption at the Oceanside Campus, 572 Airport Road.

Courtesy of a Wings of Rescue flight in collaboration with The Humane Society of the United States and our friends at Humane Society Naples, these pets were brought here to help make room at the Humane Society of Naples for stray animals displaced by #HurricaneIrma. These pets are not direct victims of the hurricane. They are highly adoptable dogs and cats who were in animal shelters near areas affected by these hurricanes. They do not have owners who will be searching for them.

All adoptable pets will be spayed/neutered, current on vaccinations, microchipped and sent home with a certificate for a free veterinary exam, 30 days of worry-free pet insurance from Trupanion and his/her first bag of food from Purina. These pets who are awaiting adoption can be found on the organization's website: https://sdhumane.org/how-you-can-help/adopt/available-pets/ and can be identified by the tag "#hi." More than 20 #hi cats are available for adoption at San Diego Humane Society's Oceanside

Campus, 572 Airport Road, Oceanside, and #hi dogs and cats are only available for adoption at San Diego Humane Society's San Diego Campus, 5500 Gaines St., San Diego. Adoption hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., seven days a week. Adoptions are on a first come, first served basis. Adopters who anticipate adopting should bring a hard-sided carrier to safely bring the dog, puppy or cat home.

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**SUGGESTED TWEET:** Be a Hurricane Hero and adopt pets transferred from Florida to create space for pets displaced because of #hurricaneirma @sdhumane

**PHOTO/VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES**
- **Dogs and puppies waiting to be adopted**
- **Dogs and puppies going home**
- **B-roll of Wings of Rescue landing, unloading, teams of staff and veterinarians assessing animals upon arrival at San Diego Humane Society.**

**About San Diego Humane Society**
Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. San Diego Humane Society offers San Diegans a wide range of programs and services that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty/neglect, provide medical care, educate the community on the humane treatment of animals and provide safety net services for all pet families needing assistance with keeping their pets.

As one of San Diego's oldest nonprofit organizations, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside, and San Diego as well as adoption centers inside select Petco stores throughout San Diego County. San Diego Humane Society is supported solely through contributions, grants, bequests, investments, municipal contracts and small fees for services. For more information or to view our current animals available for adoption; please visit www.sdhumane.org.