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San Diego Humane Society Takes in 93 Dogs to Create Space for Pets Displaced by Hurricane Michael

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society received 93 dogs at Gillespie Field on Thursday afternoon. In a collaborative effort with the Humane Society of the United States, the flight carried pets who were transferred from St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, the Escambia County Animal Shelter and the Humane Society of Bay County to create space for animals in Florida who have been displaced by Hurricane Michael.

After their arrival, the crated dogs were transferred directly to San Diego Humane Society's San Diego Campus, where a professional team of staff and veterinarians assessed the pets' health and level of stress and determined when they will be available for adoption.

The incoming pets are not direct victims of Hurricane Michael. They are adoptable dogs who have been in animal shelters in the Florida panhandle area. They were transported to San Diego to create room for pets who have been lost, strayed or abandoned due to the hurricane. These pets do not have owners who will be searching for them when the conditions improve.

Some of the pets will be transferred to animal shelters and rescue organizations across California, including Sacramento SPCA, Santa Barbara Humane Society, Rancho Cucamonga Animal Services, Redland Animal Control and Placer SPCA.

To schedule an interview or for more information, please contact Dariel Walker at 619-250-6801 or dwalker@sdhumane.org. Photos of the dogs' arrival are available here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskKMTgIv>. B-roll of the arrival is available here: <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/d6aNTudziy>.

Suggested Tweet: @sdhumane received 93 dogs from the Florida panhandle today. The animals were transferred to San Diego in order to create space for animals in Florida who are displaced by #HurricaneMichael.

About San Diego Humane Society

San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. We offer programs that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty and neglect, provide medical care, educate the community and serve as a safety net for all pet families. Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego. For more information; please visit sdhumane.org.

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