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## For Immediate Release

### As Need for Shelter Builds, Rescue Team to Transport Pets Up North

*The San Antonio Humane Society to welcome the Pittsburgh Aviation Animal Rescue Team as Hurricane Harvey evacuee pet population grows.*



**SA, TX** (September 2, 2017) The Pittsburgh Aviation Animal Rescue Team will be arriving Sunday morning (9:30am), September 3 at the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) to deliver thousands of pounds of supplies and load 30+ pets into their rescue trailer for transport to animal shelters up north.

As Hurricane Harvey relief efforts continue at the SAHS, the displaced evacuee pet population continues to grow. As of August 31, the SAHS has rescued, temporarily sheltered, and/or transferred in 160+ dogs and cats from devastated areas and the pet population at the SAHS has more than doubled.

Since Hurricane Harvey began its devastation along the Texas coast, the SAHS continues to shelter and assist pets at risk due to destructive weather. Among these evacuees are pets who were forced to temporarily seek shelter at the SAHS due to the total loss of their homes and shelter pets transferred from the gulf coast due to hazardous conditions and loss of resources.

The Pittsburgh Aviation Animal Rescue Team will be transporting adoptable pets to shelters up north, including Beaver County Humane Society, Animal Friends, Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, All But Furgotten, Senior Hearts, and Humane Animal Rescue who have all agreed to take in SAHS pets in need.

Though the storm has passed, the SAHS is determined to continue its mission and provide assistance to pets in need. For those looking to help assist the SAHS's Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, donations are being accepted through the Harvey's Heroes Emergency Fund at [SAhumane.org/hurricane-harvey](http://SAhumane.org/hurricane-harvey).

This fund will help the SAHS offset growing expenses as the SAHS continues to shelter and care for pet evacuees and strays affected by Hurricane Harvey.

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#### **About The San Antonio Humane Society**

*The San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) is a nonprofit, no-kill organization that has served Bexar County and its surrounding areas since 1952. It is not affiliated with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and does not receive regular financial support from them. Therefore, donating locally solves a local problem. Every year, the SAHS shelters, medically treats, and rehabilitates approximately 5,000 animals who have been injured, abused, surrendered by their owners, or found as strays, and they remain at the SAHS until adopted. Their mission is to protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay and neuter programs, and community education.*

#### **About The Pittsburgh Aviation Animal Rescue Team**

*The Pittsburgh Aviation Animal Rescue Team (PAART) is a non-profit organization that coordinates and transports thousands of animals to their new homes free of charge. PAART is networked with shelters, pet adoption services, and national transportation organizations. They are headquartered at the Allegheny County Airport in West Mifflin, PA. They carry out their mission through air and land operations. More info is available at [nodogleftbehind.org](http://nodogleftbehind.org)*