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Atlanta Humane Society Begins Transport of Dogs to Other States

May 17, 2016 (Atlanta, GA) – The Atlanta Humane Society (AHS) is transporting dogs to the Midwest and Northeast to help end pet homelessness and overpopulation.

In April, Transport Coordinator Julie Cortino and a team of three staff members drove an AHS vehicle overnight to Geauga Humane Society's Rescue Village in Russell Township, Ohio. The vehicle carried 34 adoptable dogs ranging in age from 2-months-old to 9-years-old. Funding for this and other recent transports was made possible through a generous grant from the ASPCA.

The transported dogs all have great personalities and are loving, happy dogs ready for their forever homes. Due to less demand for large breed dogs in the Metro Atlanta Area, some of these dogs could have waited at AHS for months for their forever home. The purpose of transporting these dogs is to help not only save these 34 lives, but also to create space to help an additional 34 dogs in need.

The demand for adoptable dogs in the Midwest and Northeast is much greater because of the stricter spay/neuter laws and policies that have been in place for over a decade. People wanting pets in these communities wait months for an adoptable dog because of the shortage of animals. Waitlists for adoptable dogs at these shelters are very common.

For AHS, transporting dogs creates space to take in dogs who would be found on the streets and potentially at risk of euthanasia at overcrowded rural shelters due to lack of space. Cortino says it best: "Transporting animals out of Georgia is not a solution to the problem of pet overpopulation; it's a way to manage the current issues while we combat it on the front end by increased spaying/neutering."

AHS will be continuing this partnership with the Geauga Humane Society's Rescue Village by transporting approximately 35 to 40 animals to Ohio every month. AHS is proud to be a part of the solution to ending pet homelessness and overpopulation in the southeastern United States.

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About the Atlanta Humane Society

The Atlanta Humane Society (AHS) is one of the oldest private charitable organizations in Atlanta, founded in 1873. AHS placed more than 8,300 animals into forever homes in 2015. It is our mission to improve animal welfare in the southeastern United States by providing quality animal services including preventative initiatives, education, advocacy and adoption of animals into permanent loving homes. We are proud to be a part of the solution to ending pet homelessness and overpopulation in the southeastern United States. For more, visit atlantahumane.org.