



## 100 Dogs Being Rescued From Louisiana Floods

**August 18, 2016 (Atlanta, GA)** – Atlanta Humane Society (AHS) is working to help animals in great need after the recent life-threatening flooding in Louisiana. AHS is transporting about 100 dogs and additional cats out of Louisiana in collaboration with Acadiana Animal Aid of Lafayette, LA, an organization which focuses on rescuing animals who are of the greatest need from shelters that are overcrowded, overwhelmed or under resourced.

The AHS H.E.A.R.T. Rescue Team has been deployed to Louisiana in coordination with other animal rescue groups to transport the dogs to Atlanta. The first group of 60 dogs and 10 cats will be arriving at VCA Gwinnett-Heart of Avalon Animal Hospital, on Friday, August 19 by 7:00 a.m. VCA is located at 470 Pleasant Hill Road, Lilburn, GA 30047. VCA Animal Hospitals is a primary AHS corporate partner and sponsor.

“We are happy to be able to work with Acadiana Animal Aid to rescue these animals in dire need of being moved from flooded areas,” said Julie Cortino, Transport Coordinator. “Without all of our fast and coordinated efforts, these animals would likely perish. And while we are so happy to be in a position to assist with the flood victims, we will not be stopping or minimizing our efforts to help our Georgia pets in need.”

After the trauma of the flooding and the transport, the dogs will be settled in and be kept at the VCA location for several days. AHS veterinarian Dr. Jennifer Morris, DVM and a team of AHS veterinarians and will then perform examinations on all the dogs. After they are examined and given treatment as necessary, about 45 of the dogs will be transported to an AHS shelter partner in Ohio. Some of the remaining dogs will be moved to AHS for care and adoption, and the remaining dogs will be transported to AHS shelter partners. Disseminating the dogs to multiple shelters will help ensure they are adopted into permanent loving homes as quickly as possible.

Updates regarding adoption availability of the rescued dogs will be posted on [www.facebook.com/AtlantaHumaneSociety](https://www.facebook.com/AtlantaHumaneSociety) and all adoptable dogs can be found at [www.atlantahumane.org/adopt](http://www.atlantahumane.org/adopt).

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