Berkeley Humane Aids in Hurricane Irma Animal Evacuee Relief

Evacuated animals from Florida saved by Bay Area rescues

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(Berkeley, CA) September 6, 2017— Berkeley Humane, along with partners at Tony La Russa’s Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) the East Bay SPCA will be first responders for a flight transporting over 230 shelter animals evacuated from the Humane Society of Broward Country, Ft Lauderdale Florida. Airlifted in advance of Hurricane Irma’s landfall, these dogs and cats will receive immediate care and medical attention on the tarmac in a collaborated relief effort. Berkeley Humane is making immediate preparation to receive at least 50 of the animals transported.

“This is a very large number of dogs and cats to integrate into our organization at one time, but it is the right thing to do to ensure the safety of these animals,” said Jeffrey Zerwekh, Berkeley Humane’s Executive Director. “We are expecting to be supporting their medical, physical and emotional needs in the weeks and months to come”.

The animals will be available for adoption in the weeks to come after they have been medically cleared and ready to start their new lives with a new loving family in the Bay Area. Berkeley Humane will also be waiving all adoption fees in order to help expedite the adoptions of these animals. More information will be available at BerkeleyHumane.org as the animals become available.

ABOUT BERKELEY HUMANE
With its origins dating back to 1895, today Berkeley Humane serves the people and animals of our community by providing life-saving programs for cats and dogs, cultivating compassion, and strengthening the human-animal bond. With the support of a dedicated and talented volunteer and staff team, Berkeley Humane intakes animals from municipals shelters around the Bay Area who are often in need of medical care, improved nutrition, enrichment and lots of love. Last year Berkeley Humane conducted over 1,000 adoptions and touched almost 1,000 additional pets through related services. For more information please visit: BerkeleyHumane.org

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