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La Plata County Humane Society, Best Friends Animal Society, Partner to Welcome Lifesaving Transport of Adoptable Dogs from Texas

Transport Project Moves 800 Desirable Dogs from Overcrowded Shelter to Find New Forever Homes

Durango, CO (October 26, 2018) – La Plata County Humane Society and Best Friends Animal Society are partnering with the overcrowded Palm Valley Animal Center in Edinburg, Texas, and are working to help them with lifesaving transports and support. The transport effort will move 800 dogs and puppies from Texas to other parts of the country by Thanksgiving, so they will be available for adoption during the holiday season.

La Plata County Humane Society and Best Friends are working together to bring a group of 50 dogs to Durango, that began to arrive on Thursday, October 24th.

Recognizing that many families look to acquire a puppy around the holiday season, La Plata County Humane Society and Best Friends welcome these dogs to Durango where they can find their forever homes.

As communities across the country reach or near no-kill status, puppies and small breed dogs become harder to find through adoption, and people seeking these dogs may resort to buying puppies from breeders, pet stores or online retailers.

The transport effort target regions where demand is high, and these populations of dogs and puppies are scarce. By transporting these highly adoptable dogs into areas where they are not otherwise available, organizations are able to provide the types of dog's families are looking for, to keep them in the rescue family.

The Palm Valley Animal Center receives approximately 32,000 pets each year, and an average of 44 animals are euthanized there every day due to lack of space. These are highly adoptable puppies, small dogs and popular breed mixes that are in demand in other parts of the country and would be adopted quickly.

At the Palm Valley Animal Center, the average population of puppies is 100-200 each week. The number 800 was chosen for this rescue and transport effort because it represents four to five weeks' worth of puppies at this shelter.

About La Plata County Humane Society

La Plata County Humane Society (LPCHS) has been helping animals since 1971. The Humane Society was created to provide shelter for homeless animals, rescue animals in distress, assist in the investigation and prosecution of reported cruelty and abuse, finding forever homes, and encourages kindness and responsibility toward all living things through humane education. Based in Durango, CO and serving the four corners region, the organization enables 50 staff members and over 300 volunteers to care for around 2,800 animals per year. With the support of the community, LPCHS is able to provide lifesaving programs that contribute to pet overpopulation and animals that are surrendered or unwanted. As an open-admission shelter, we accept all animals that come through our doors. For more information, visit lpchumanesociety.org.

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About Best Friends Animal Society

Best Friends Animal Society is a leading national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. In addition to running lifesaving programs in partnership with more than 2,200 animal welfare groups across the country, Best Friends has regional centers in New York City, Los Angeles, Atlanta and Salt Lake City, and operates the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals. Founded in 1984, Best Friends is a pioneer in the no-kill movement and has helped reduce the number of animals killed in shelters nationwide from 17 million per year to about 1.5 million. That means there are still more than 4,100 dogs and cats killed every day in shelters, just because they don't have safe places to call home. We are determined to get that number to zero by the year 2025. Working collaboratively with shelters, rescue groups, other organizations and you, we will end the killing and Save Them All. For more information, visit bestfriends.org.

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