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### **Humane Society Naples continues to support community animals following Hurricane Milton**

NAPLES, Fla. (Oct. 11, 2024) – Humane Society Naples, Southwest Florida’s leading animal welfare agency, continues to support Hurricane Milton recovery efforts, transporting shelter animals out of harm’s way following the devastating storm.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, nearly 200 animals from shelters across hurricane impacted areas will be transported from Sarasota by plane to receiving shelters across the Midwest. HSN will send 14 animals to ADOPT Pet Shelter in Wisconsin, and our community partners Collier County Domestic Animal Services and Gulf Coast Humane Society will also be sending animals. These transfers allow Southwest Florida shelters to make room to receive animals from storm impacted partner organizations.

“We are fortunate that our locations sustained no structural damage or flooding, allowing our team to get to work right away supporting those in need,” said Sarah Baeckler, the CEO of Humane Society Naples. “HSN is strong, resilient and we are prepared to assist our partners and community members in need as they begin the road to recovery.”

Due to a mandatory evacuation order, Humane Society Naples evacuated all animals from their main shelter on Airport-Pulling Road in Naples prior to the hurricane. The animals were relocated to foster homes and to HSN’s Oaks campus, located east of Interstate 75, where staff remained throughout the storm to provide onsite care.

Just as HSN did following Hurricane Ian two years ago, transporting animals to partner shelters outside of Florida allows more opportunity to take in animals from shelters impacted by Hurricane Milton.

“HSN is committed to making sure no animal suffers because of this terrible storm,” Baeckler said. “But we need the community’s help to provide these critical services. We know there are animals and their families with tremendous needs due to the devastation of Hurricane Milton.”

To learn more about Humane Society Naples or to make a donation to support Hurricane Milton Relief efforts, visit <https://bit.ly/hsn-hurricane-2024>.

#### **About Humane Society Naples**

Humane Society Naples was founded in 1960 to address a growing homeless animal population in Collier County. Its mission remains to shelter animals in times of need, to locate life-long homes, and to advocate for responsible pet ownership.

Humane Society Naples has found homes for nearly 110,000 animals. Each year, the organization serves thousands of displaced dogs, cats and small mammals, by providing shelter and working with partner organizations to provide a strong safety net for Collier County’s animal community. Additionally, it serves thousands of animals through the Humane Society Naples Veterinary Clinic.

For more information, visit [hsnaples.org](https://hsnaples.org).

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