



Press Release
SICSA Rescues 30 Dogs and Cats From Hurricane Dorian
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September 6, 2019 – Kettering, OH – Within 24 hours of receiving a call from the Best Friends Animal Society, the SICSA Pet Adoption Center was mobilized to take 3 vehicles to West Virginia to rescue 30 animals from Hurricane Dorian's path. Em Blackman-Mathis, SICSA's Kennel and Help Center Manager, said that "The first leg of the transport is going to come from North Carolina, and go to Lexington Virginia. From there, they're going to meet us in Charleston, West Virginia, and then we're going to drive back here."

Three Volunteers and Staff members took off in a caravan to the cheers of their coworkers as they left the parking lot. SICSA ended up rescuing 11 dogs and 19 cats during this trip, from a town that was beginning to flood from Hurricane Dorian. Not knowing the condition or temperament of the rescued animals, SICSA's Veterinarians and Vet Staff have cleared space to be able to check the animals out, spay and neuter them, and prepare them for adoption.

SICSA's President and CEO, Nora Vondrell, stated that "SICSA is very proud to be able to come to the aid of these animals and the communities in need. We will continue to help in any way we can."

The caravan arrived early Friday morning, 9/6, around 1:00 am, to begin unloading the animals, and setting up temporary crates in their training room, Isolation room and dog kennels. SICSA plans to transplant these 30 animals into the Greater Dayton community once they have been vaccinated, treated for any medical conditions, spayed and neutered. Those able to assist with the associated costs are encouraged to do so online at www.sicsa.org.

For more information on the animals that were rescued, like Ezra, an 8 month old calico cat, or 6 year old dog, Maisie Jane, stay tuned. These animals will be available for adoption within the next week at SICSA. To help SICSA with these unexpected Dorian displaced animals, they are asking for donations from their Amazon Wish List, which can be found at <http://a.co/gWG70I1>. For up to date information, please visit SICSA's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sicsapets.



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About SICSA Pet Adoption Center-- Originated in 1974, SICSA was started as an alternative to the traditional animal welfare system with a mission of improving the lives of stray animals and promoting adoption. SICSA **places over 1850 dogs and cats a year**, performs **over 4000 spay/neuter surgeries** and provides Humane Education focused on Respect, Responsibility and Empathy to over 6000 youth annually. This organization, with over 85% of SICSA's expenses going toward program and service implementation, has been repeatedly **awarded the Platinum Seal by Guide Star & is ranked nationally in the top 6% of all charities by Charity Navigator**. SICSA runs an Animal Adoption Center and Pet Wants Dayton a fresh, high-quality pet food franchise in Kettering at 2600 Wilmington Pike, which is open seven days a week to the public for those interested in bringing a companion animal into their home. For more information about SICSA, please log onto their website at www.SICSA.org.