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Local Rescue Transfers in Dozens of Pets from Shelters in Tropical Storm Barry's Path
Adopters and Fosters Urgently Needed to Make Space for Incoming Transports

In anticipation of Tropical Storm Barry's expected landfall, Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation is transferring in dozens of dogs and cats from shelters in its projected path on Friday and Saturday. Adopters and foster caregivers are needed for pets currently at the organization's Falls Church, VA care center in order to make room for the incoming transports.

The transports, facilitated by the Humane Society of the United States and Save an Angel, aim to increase the capacity of shelters and rescues on the Gulf Coast as they prepare to take in displaced pets in the wake of the storm. Transferring in pets who are already available for adoption will open critically-needed space in their partner shelters. Many of the dogs and cats are coming from Plaquemines Parish, LA, an area under mandatory evacuation, due to rising floodwaters.

"Being available to help in times of disaster is an important part of our mission and one of the reasons we moved to our new animal care center in Falls Church, VA," says Barbara Hutcherson, Executive Director of Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation. "We are grateful to have the space and community support that allows us to respond to emergency calls for help by saying 'of course we will take those dogs and cats.'"

Dogs will arrive Friday afternoon at the Manassas Regional Airport in Manassas, VA via the Humane Society of the United States and both dogs and cats will arrive at 5:30 am Saturday morning at the Lost Dog & Cat Animal Care Facility in Falls Church, VA via Save an Angel.

Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation will be holding 5 separate adoption events in the DC Metro Area on Saturday and Sunday. Citizens interested in adoption, fostering or donating should visit their website at www.lostdogrescue.org.

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Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation: Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation helps homeless pets find their way to loving homes through rescue and adoption. Since 2001, LDCRF has saved the lives of more than 28,000 homeless pets, most of whom were facing the threat of euthanasia at over-crowded municipal shelters.