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# Local Shelter Participates in Hurricane Florence Animal Rescue

**Cleveland, Ohio (September 14, 2018)** – The Hilton Head Humane Society located in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina has requested that The Northeast Ohio SPCA of Parma assists them by taking in 30-40 cats, kittens, and puppies from their shelter due to Hurricane Florence. The Humane Society is fearful of damage and would like to have space available for the many pets that will be displaced as a result of the hurricane.

The Northeast Ohio SPCA has partnered with Puppy Pipeline Rescue of Georgia to transport the animals to their facility. Puppy Pipeline specializes in shelter-to- shelter transports from the South to the Northeast and upper Midwest. Both Puppy Pipeline and the Northeast Ohio SPCA cover the expenses of the transport which typically consists of a \$40.00 fee per animal being transported, fuel for the transport vehicle, and accommodations for the driver if necessary. The anticipated arrival date of the cats, kittens, and puppies is Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Upon arrival at the Northeast Ohio SPCA, the animals will be examined by their veterinary staff, spayed or neutered, and will receive their initial vaccinations.

Jeff Kocian, Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio SPCA, is excited for the arrival of the pets and hopes the animals will quickly find loving homes. “Our shelter is humbled by the opportunity to help the animals from the Hilton Head area,” said Kocian. “We are eager to help them find forever homes and hope the best for both the residents and pets that are in the path of Hurricane Florence.”

The Northeast Ohio SPCA is a non-profit, no-kill private organization that receives no government funding and relies heavily on donations and support from the community.

“The shelter is accepting donations to help offset the transportation and medical costs associated with this rescue operation,” said Kocian. “Any support, great or small, will be graciously accepted.”

For more information or to make a donation, contact Anita Martukovich at 216-351-7387.

## **More about the Northeast Ohio SPCA Pet Shelter**

The purpose of the Northeast Ohio SPCA is to provide a safe haven for abandoned, homeless, and adoptable loving pets until they can find a home. Since the shelter’s inception in 2004, we have adopted more than 32,500 pets into loving homes. The shelter participates in animal relocation and transport programs to rescue adoptable pets from overcrowded shelters and also accepts animals from owners that can no longer care for their pets.