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**Peninsula Humane Society Rescues  
More Than Fifty Animals from Hurricane Irma**

**Burlingame, CA—** On September 15, 2017, the Peninsula Humane Society (PHS) rescued more than fifty animals from areas in Miami-Dade County that had been ravaged by Hurricane Irma. The animals include several dogs which will require extensive medical treatment and over two dozen cats and kittens.

“This airlift rescue was made possible thanks to a collaboration of the Golden State Warriors, Miami HEAT and FedEx,” said PHS President Ken White. “All of these dogs and cats had been in shelters prior to the storm hitting Florida. By taking these animals this enables those shelters to free up precious space for more incoming animals displaced during the hurricane crisis in Florida.”

A FedEx cargo plane was flown from Miami to the Oakland Airport on September 15 where the animals received a grand welcome and some were even carried off the plane by Golden State Warriors players. The animals were then carefully loaded into PHS vehicles and brought back to the shelter at Coyote Point in San Mateo County.

“These dogs and cats will be given the opportunity to settle in and are being provided medical treatment as needed,” according to White. “They will be made available for adoption as soon as possible, but that will also depend on each individual animal. After everything they’ve been through we want to give them plenty of time to adjust to their new surroundings.”

PHS is seeking donations to help these animals. For more information please visit [www.phs-spca.org](http://www.phs-spca.org).

“We are fortunate to have top-notch veterinarians and behavior staff and of course our dedicated volunteers that we can provide outstanding care for these new additions without comprising any care for animals in our community,” said White.

Photos attached of a dog newly arrived at PHS and an adult cat being held by a PHS volunteer. Both animals were part of the rescue operation from Florida. Photos courtesy of PHS.

**About Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**

Peninsula Humane Society is a private, open-door, not-for-profit animal welfare organization. Primary programs include animal adoptions; animal rescue and sheltering, including specialty care for domestic animals with medical and/or behavioral challenges; wildlife rehabilitation; animal cruelty investigation; community outreach and education; low-cost spay/neuter; and obedience classes. This vital work is made possible by volunteers and donations. PHS receives no funding from national animal welfare organizations. Visit [www.phs-spca.org](http://www.phs-spca.org) to learn about all PHS’ programs and services, ways to help the animals and special events.

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