



Hawaiian Humane Society Partners with Greater Good Charities & Wings of Rescue to Airlift Over 600 Shelter Pets from the Hawaiian Islands to Mainland to Conduct the Largest Pet Transfer Flight in History
More than 85 of Shelter Pets from Hawaiian Humane to Board Paws Across the Pacific

HONOLULU, HI (October 21, 2020) Hawaiian Humane Society partners with Greater Good Charities and Wings of Rescue to fly over 600 shelter dogs and cats from Hawaii to the U.S. mainland, making *Paws Across the Pacific* the largest pet transfer flight in history. More than 85 of the shelter pets to board the *Paws Across the Pacific* are from Hawaiian Humane.

“Since the beginning of the pandemic, Hawaiian Humane has worked with the animal-loving community on O’ahu and nationally to continue our vital work of caring for animals and finding them new homes,” says Anna Neubauer, President & CEO at Hawaiian Humane Society. “The reduction of flights to the continental US put a temporary hold on our adoptions transfer program, so we are very grateful for this partnership with Greater Good Charities and Wings of Rescue. This historic flight allows us to transfer many needy pets to loving homes in the Pacific Northwest and to devote even more resources to other animals on O’ahu.”

These healthy and loving pets are being moved from overcrowded pet shelters on five islands across the state and then flown to shelters in Washington state, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana where they’ll be quickly adopted into loving forever homes.

“Pet shelters in Hawaii are in a COVID-19 crisis. Normal operations have been affected by months of shut down, economic downturn, limited hours, and routine flights to mainland halted,” said Liz Baker, CEO of Greater Good Charities. “The *Paws Across the Pacific* flight is urgently needed to make space in Hawaii’s shelters for at-risk pets in the community who otherwise wouldn’t be able to receive necessary care to survive.”

On the evening of October 28, *Paws Across the Pacific* will board more than 600 shelter dogs and cats on a chartered Hercules C-130 plane that will make stops on Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii islands. Hawaii shelter partners include Hawaiian Humane Society as well as Kauai Humane Society, Lanai Cat Sanctuary, Hawaii Island Humane Society, Maui Humane Society, Aloha `Ilio Rescue, and Kauai SPCA.

The Hercules C-130 with the over 2,500 furry paws is scheduled to arrive at Seattle’s Boeing Field in the late morning on October 29, where pet shelters and rescue groups will pick them up, while 120 of the shelter pets continue their journey to Walla Walla and Coeur d’Alene. Mainland shelter partners include: PAWS, The NOAH Center, Seattle Humane, Humane Society of Skagit Valley, Kitsap Humane, Oregon Humane Society, Humane Society for Southwest Washington, Kootenai Humane Society, Seattle Area Feline Rescue, TRACS, SpokAnimal, Blue Mountain Humane Society, and Embrace a Discarded Animal Society.

The *Paws Across the Pacific* airlift is being conducted in coordination with the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association to ensure the safety and health of pets on the flight. In addition to flying pets to their new families, Greater Good Charities and The Animal Rescue Site are providing enrichment and critical medical supplies to assist the shelters and the sheltered pets of Hawaii.

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About Hawaiian Humane Society

The Hawaiian Humane Society is an education and advocacy organization that shelters, protects, rescues, reunites and rehomes animals. It is O'ahu's only animal welfare organization that is a resource for all animals. Established in 1883, the nonprofit organization is not a chapter of any group as there is no national humane society. Visit HawaiianHumane.org to learn more.

About Greater Good Charities

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