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## **Houston SPCA's Emergency Response Team Will Deploy to Tampa for 95 Pets**

*The Team Will Drive More than 2,000 Miles at the Request of SPCA Tampa Bay to Provide Disaster Relief in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton*

**(HOUSTON) October 14, 2024** – The Houston SPCA's Emergency Response Team is headed to Florida on Tuesday at 4:30 a.m. at the request of SPCA Tampa Bay to provide disaster relief following the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Due to an excess of animals currently in their care, the Houston SPCA plans to return to Houston with nearly 100 pets including 50 cats, 20 rabbits and guinea pigs as well as 25 small dogs and puppies to place into their adoption program.

The 13-member team will load three Sprinter vans and two vehicles filled with crates and other supplies on Tuesday morning before they hit the road for the 15-hour, 1,000-mile journey. They could face challenges including flooded roads, downed trees and closed fueling stations once they reach the impacted areas.

The Houston SPCA's Emergency Response Team is scheduled to return with nearly 100 animals by Thursday evening around 8 p.m.

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