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Wayside Waifs Receives 14 Puppies Displaced by Devastating Mississippi Tornadoes Through ASPCA Evacuation Efforts

The homeless puppies arriving today, March 28, were evacuated from a shelter that was severely damaged by the storm

KANSAS CITY, MO – At the request of the [ASPCA](#)® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®), Wayside Waifs will receive 14 puppies displaced by the devastating tornadoes that swept through Mississippi last week. The ASPCA's disaster response team is on the ground in Monroe County, Miss. to provide emergency support after Amory Humane Society's shelter was severely damaged by the storm, displacing more than 60 animals in their care. The ASPCA transported some of those animals to Wayside Waifs where they will be made available for adoption following medical and behavioral evaluations.

Who: Wayside Waifs, the ASPCA®, and other helping shelters

What: 14 puppies are being transferred from Amory Humane Society's damaged shelter in Mississippi

When: Tuesday, March 28, 2023; arrival time to Wayside is 5:45 pm

Where: Wayside Waifs: 3901 Martha Truman Road, Kansas City, MO 6413

Why: To help homeless animals who were evacuated from the damaged shelter where they lived

Wayside Waifs partners with the ASPCA® on a regular basis to save homeless animals in various areas. Sometimes Wayside's FEMA Certified Rescue and Response Team is deployed to help animals in need. Other times homeless animals are transferred to Wayside. Either way, the animals stay in Wayside's care until their medical and behavioral needs have been met. Then they are made available for adoption.

A quote from the ASPCA®: *"Collaboration is essential when responding to disaster situations like the devastating tornadoes that swept through Mississippi and affected so many people and animals alike," said Jessica Rushin, director of ASPCA Placement Partnerships. "The ASPCA commends the animal welfare community, including Wayside Waifs, for acting quickly to evacuate and secure safe locations for impacted shelter animals so we can free up much-needed space and resources for local pets and stray animals displaced by the storm."*

About Wayside Waifs

As Kansas City's largest and most comprehensive no kill pet adoption campus, Wayside Waifs prepares pets and people for the bond of their lives. More than 20,000 pets and people are served annually

through pet adoptions, youth education and canine training programs, and community programming, like the pet food pantry. Wayside is a private, independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity. It receives no government funding and is supported entirely by private donations and grants. To see all of the animals available for adoptions or to donate, please visit WaysideWaifs.org.
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