



Louisiana animals finding out-of-state homes

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NEW ORLEANS — A caravan of felines from the Louisiana SPCA hit the road this morning headed to Dallas on a one-way trip to find homes with the help of the SPCA of Texas in Dallas.

The LA/SPCA is transporting 34 adoptable cats, including some that have been at the shelter since January. The SPCA of Texas has a high adoption rate for cats and welcomed the opportunity to place some from New Orleans into waiting homes in Dallas.

"We've had difficulty finding homes for many of our adoptable cats and the SPCA of Texas, one of our primary disaster partners, has opened their doors to us giving adoptable felines a second chance at finding homes," said Laura Maloney, Louisiana SPCA executive director. "Cats are particularly difficult to place since there are more of them than there are available homes."

"The SPCA of Texas is happy to help place these wonderful cats," said James Bias, SPCA of Texas president. "We're proud of our relationship with the Louisiana SPCA and will always be ready to offer any assistance we can. We know the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex will respond with open arms and give loving homes to these cats."

The LA/SPCA transported 41 adoptable dogs to the Houston SPCA during the past month. Within a week, nearly all animals had been placed in homes. Similar caravans have also taken place with animals going to Maine's Humane Society of Knox County and others traveling to various states in the Northeast through the volunteer organization [Labs4Rescue](#).

Thirty-three dogs have gone to the Humane Society of Knox County and all have been adopted. [Labs4Rescue](#) has received 10 adoptable Labs and all were placed in homes.

"People across the country have a desire to help New Orleans' animals and they continue to welcome them into their homes and hearts," Maloney said. "Until we can find more homes for our animals here in Louisiana, we will continue to work with our colleagues in giving homeless animals a second chance at getting adopted."•