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For the Innocents



The GoNorth Animal Transport Collaborative is a project of Peaceful Kingdom, a 501(c)3 animal welfare organization founded in 2000 to introduce innovative approaches to ending animal overpopulation in Knox County, TN, and surrounding counties.

GoNorth Transport Collaborative 2016



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I need a ride!

Mission

The ***GoNorth Transport Collaborative*** is a group of animal shelters in east Tennessee that works together to transport animals to under-capacity shelters in several northern states. The mission of the GoNorth project is to eliminate euthanasia for space in participating shelters.

Why GoNorth Exists

Most shelters in east Tennessee are perpetually overcrowded due to random breeding by the large number of unaltered pets. Pet overpopulation is generally not a problem in northern states, where spaying and neutering of pets is a routine part of responsible pet ownership.

Affordable, easily accessible spay/neuter programs are the solution to ending animal overpopulation. However, it will take “time on task” to dramatically reduce the birth rate.

Transporting southern shelter animals to northern shelters is a lifesaving bridge to the day that pet supply and adoption demand are in balance.

How GoNorth Works

Sending shelters propose healthy, well-socialized candidates for transport. Canine candidates must pass an ASPCA “SAFER” behavioral test, which is a screening for aggression. Destination shelters review proposed passenger lists. Usually, all candidates are accepted.

Prior to transport, all the animals are vaccinated (Distemper/ Parvo, Bordetella, Rabies), dewormed, heartworm tested (dogs over 6 months only), treated for fleas and ticks, and given heartworm and flea/tick preventative. If they are not already spayed or neutered, they will be spayed or neutered at the destination shelter prior to adoption. Every animal also receives a health certificate from a veterinarian prior to transport (as required by federal and state law).

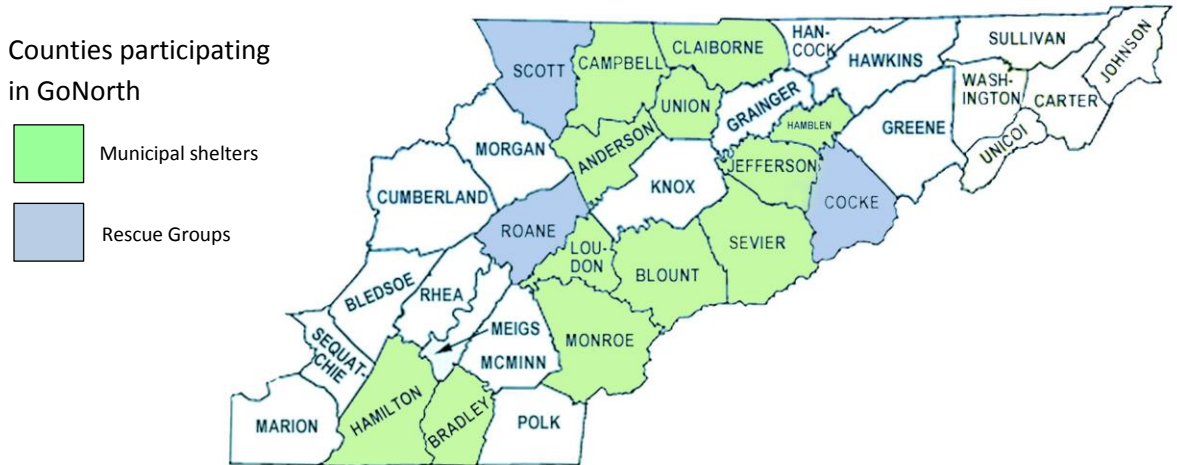
On the day of transport, animals are brought to one of several pickup locations. The transport takes place overnight, and the animals sleep through the trip. The vehicle arrives at the destination in the early morning, with staff and volunteers ready to welcome the animals.

Dogs are transported to partner shelters in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, and New Jersey. These shelters have large veterinary clinics, obedience training classes, behavior modification specialists, and multiple adoption sites. The animals get fantastic care and typically find homes within a week or two.

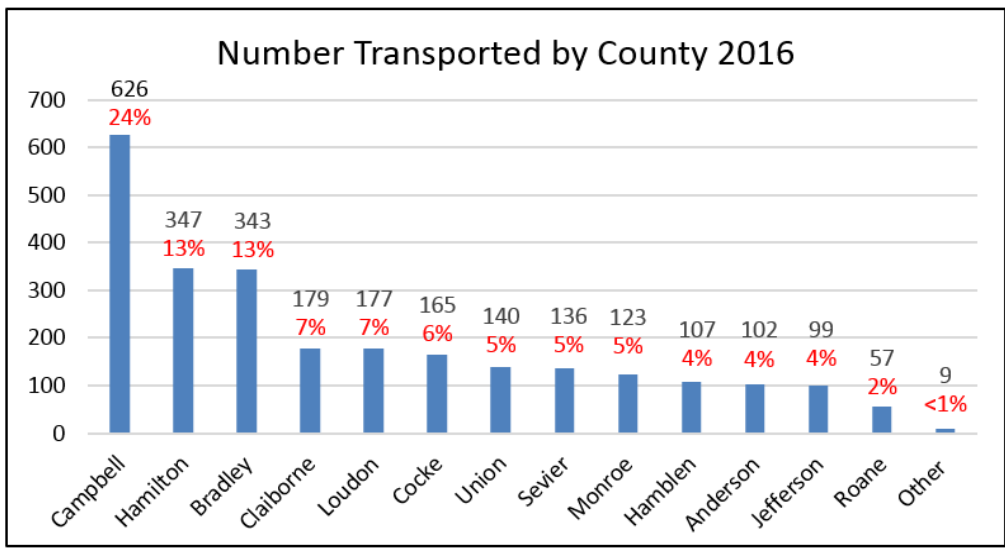
Results

A total of **2650 animals** (mostly dogs and puppies) were transported to northern shelters **in 2016**. Since the program’s inception in 2012, 8593 animals have been transported from east Tennessee to partner shelters in northern states. Most sending shelters report that they have been able to eliminate euthanasia for space as a result of being able to send animals north.

Sending Shelters



County	Participating organizations
Anderson	Anderson County Animal Holding Facility, Oak Ridge Animal Shelter
Blount	Blount County Animal Center
Bradley	Bradley County SPCA, Cleveland for a No-Kill City
Campbell	Campbell County Animal Shelter, Friends of Campbell County Animals
Claiborne	Claiborne County Animal Shelter
Cocke	Volunteers for Newport Animal Shelter
Hamblen	Morristown Hamblen Humane Society
Hamilton	Humane Educational Society, McKamey Animal Center
Jefferson	Humane Society of Jefferson County
Loudon	Loudon County Animal Shelter
Monroe	Monroe County Animal Shelter
Roane	Roane County Humane Society, Roane County Paws
Scott	For the Love of Paws
Sevier	Sevier County Humane Society
Union	Union County Humane Society



Destination Shelters

Primary transport partners in 2016:

Michigan Humane Society in Rochester Hills MI

Toledo Area Humane Society in Maumee OH

Wisconsin Humane Society in Milwaukee WI

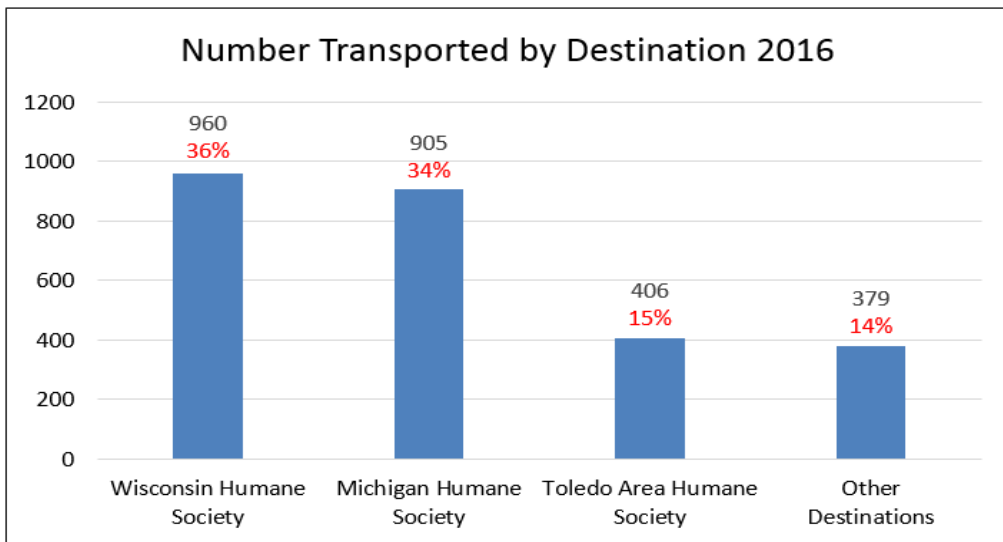
Other destinations:

Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago IL

Cleveland Animal Protective League in Cleveland OH

Greenville Humane Society in Greenville SC

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison NJ



Key Personnel

Project Coordinator	Carmen Trammell
Transport Coordinator	Deonna Light
Lead Driver; Co-Drivers	Jeff Sindlinger; Scott Gunter, Wayne Arnold
Van Manager	Campbell County Animal Shelter
<i>Sending Shelter Coordinators</i>	
Anderson: Carrie Brandt, Michelle Davis	Jefferson: Kris Spencer
Blount: Kristin Baksa	Loudon: April Kennedy
Bradley: Kristin Harvey	Monroe: Liz Sneed
Campbell: Michelle White	Roane: Amy Johnson
Claiborne: Misti Sandifer	Scott: Lauren Jeffers
Cocke: Jen Steele	Sevier: Amy Ogle
Hamblen: Sheila Jackson	Union: Tammy Rouse
Hamilton: Katie Christie, Chasity Garrett	
<i>Destination Shelter Coordinators</i>	
Michigan Humane Society	Marcelena Mace, Josh Redder
Toledo Area Humane Society	Lisa Sommers
Wisconsin Humane Society	Peggy Volkert

Income and Expenses

Income

Income Source	Amount
Individual Donors	31,158
Grants*	43,093
Fundraising	5,555
Sponsorship**	3,000
Total	\$82,806

*The grants above relate to funds available for transport expenses only. An ASPCA grant for reimbursement of pre-transport veterinary expenses, for which GoNorth was a pass-through to sending shelters, is not shown above.

**Ad sponsorship in excess of printing costs for Peaceful Kingdom's *Critter* magazine.

Expenses

Expense Item	Amount
Vehicle payments	8,460
Maintenance/Repairs	7,944
Insurance	4,002
Fuel	9,600
Driver per diem (2 drivers/trip)	28,800
Van cleaning, supplies, equipment	12,000
Misc. contracted services	12,000
Total	\$82,806

Average cost per animal: \$31

Average cost per transport: \$862

Average cost per month: \$6,900

Impact

A comparison of east Tennessee shelter statistics from 2005, 2010, and 2016 shows huge progress in recent years. Averages are shown below. While the average percentage of animals rehomed grew only 7% from 2005 to 2010, the increase was 36% from 2010 through 2016. The percentage of shelter animals' lives saved vs. lives lost has almost been turned on its head in the last 10 years.

	% Rehomed*	% Euthanized	Sample size**
2005	32%	68%	Data from 8 shelters
2010	39%	61%	Data from 8 shelters
2016	75%	25%	Data from 13 shelters

*Rehomed means adopted, rescued, transported, or reclaimed.

**Six shelters are in all three samples. Using those shelters only, percentages are approximately the same as those above.

This whopping improvement is due to several factors:

Decrease in intake volume resulting from the reduction in the birth rate. The policy of spaying/neutering adopted animals *before* releasing them to the public has eliminated a self-perpetuating cycle of reproduction. Also, low-cost and subsidized spay/neuter resources for the general public have made it possible for low-income pet owners to have their pets altered.

Innovative adoption programs. Shelters now promote their animals via social media, special events, satellite adoption centers, and partnerships with pet supply stores that host regular adoption fairs. Active volunteer programs make many of these initiatives possible.

The rise in rescue groups. Shelters now have active relationships with local, regional, and national rescue groups. Rescue groups take animals out of the shelter and assume full responsibility for their health and welfare.

Northern transport. The opportunity to send the oversupply of adoptable animals to northern shelters has eliminated the need to euthanize for space.

A 2016 euthanasia rate of 25% obviously indicates that there is room for further improvement. The big challenges relate to cats (particularly feral cats) and Pit Bulls. Cats are prolific breeders – much more so than dogs. Pit Bulls are notoriously overbred, and fill animal shelters. Northern shelters have these challenges just as southern shelters do, and are not able to accept our cats and Pit Bulls because they have so many of their own.

The progress that has been made in the last 5+ years is cause for great optimism. People who care about animals are heartened and will continue to find new ways to save lives. There is no turning back the clock!

GoNorth Transports 2016

Date	Number Transported	Destination
6-Jan	23	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
11-Jan	16	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
11-Jan	10	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
14-Jan	20	Cleveland Animal Protective League
14-Jan	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
22-Jan	23	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
22-Jan	13	Animal Allies (Duluth MN)
25-Jan	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
25-Jan	11	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
25-Jan	11	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
28-Jan	40	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
1-Feb	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
1-Feb	25	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
2-Feb	28	Cleveland Animal Protective League
4-Feb	18	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
11-Feb	27	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
16-Feb	7	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
16-Feb	35	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
18-Feb	44	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
22-Feb	22	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
25-Feb	32	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
25-Feb	3	Adopt-Me Bluegrass
29-Feb	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
29-Feb	24	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
3-Mar	24	Cleveland Animal Protective League
8-Mar	28	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
8-Mar	6	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
10-Mar	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
14-Mar	13	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
14-Mar	25	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
17-Mar	17	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
21-Mar	27	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
21-Mar	12	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
24-Mar	22	Cleveland Animal Protective League
28-Mar	16	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
28-Mar	19	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
31-Mar	21	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
6-Apr	14	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
6-Apr	10	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
14-Apr	24	Cleveland Animal Protective League
14-Apr	32	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
18-Apr	19	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
18-Apr	10	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)

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21-Apr	24	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
21-Apr	13	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
25-Apr	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
25-Apr	22	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
2-May	14	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
2-May	51	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
4-May	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-May	13	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-May	4	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
12-May	64	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
17-May	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
19-May	59	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
23-May	12	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
23-May	14	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
26-May	18	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
2-Jun	19	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
6-Jun	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
6-Jun	18	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
8-Jun	18	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
13-Jun	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
13-Jun	51	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
16-Jun	18	Cleveland Animal Protective League
16-Jun	36	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
24-Jun	7	Greenville (SC) Humane Society
29-Jun	29	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
13-Jul	27	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
14-Jul	8	Wood County Humane Society (Bowling Green OH)
14-Jul	15	Cleveland Animal Protective League
18-Jul	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
19-Jul	16	Greenville (SC) Humane Society
20-Jul	39	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
25-Jul	28	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
27-Jul	17	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
4-Aug	18	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
8-Aug	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
10-Aug	18	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
11-Aug	14	Cleveland Animal Protective League
15-Aug	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
15-Aug	23	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
17-Aug	28	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
22-Aug	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
22-Aug	3	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
23-Aug	8	Greenville (SC) Humane Society
24-Aug	18	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)

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29-Aug	22	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
29-Aug	1	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
7-Sep	20	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
10-Sep	8	South Suburban Humane Society (Chicago Heights IL)
10-Sep	13	Anti-Cruelty Society (Chicago IL)
12-Sep	12	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
12-Sep	3	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
15-Sep	17	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
16-Sep	13	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
19-Sep	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
21-Sep	16	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
25-Sep	9	Foster homes in Texas
26-Sep	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
26-Sep	4	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
28-Sep	18	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
3-Oct	26	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
5-Oct	24	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
7-Oct	17	Bucks County Humane Society (PA)
10-Oct	23	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
17-Oct	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
17-Oct	12	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee OH)
18-Oct	15	Greenville (SC) Humane Society
19-Oct	2	Adoptive homes
19-Oct	19	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
24-Oct	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
26-Oct	16	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
31-Oct	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
2-Nov	18	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
7-Nov	17	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-Nov	26	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
14-Nov	19	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
17-Nov	16	Greenville (SC) Humane Society
21-Nov	26	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
28-Nov	23	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
30-Nov	20	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
5-Dec	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
7-Dec	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
12-Dec	34	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
13-Dec	25	The Sanctuary
14-Dec	18	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
20-Dec	30	Greenville (SC) Humane Society
21-Dec	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
28-Dec	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
Total	2650	

APPENDIX

Pictures of Transported Animals

See <https://gonorthtransport.org/the-passengers/>