



2015

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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 2015



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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 animal 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 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 by shelter staff to one of several pickup locations, and the transport vehicle departs by 7:30am. The vehicle arrives at the destination in the late afternoon, 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**

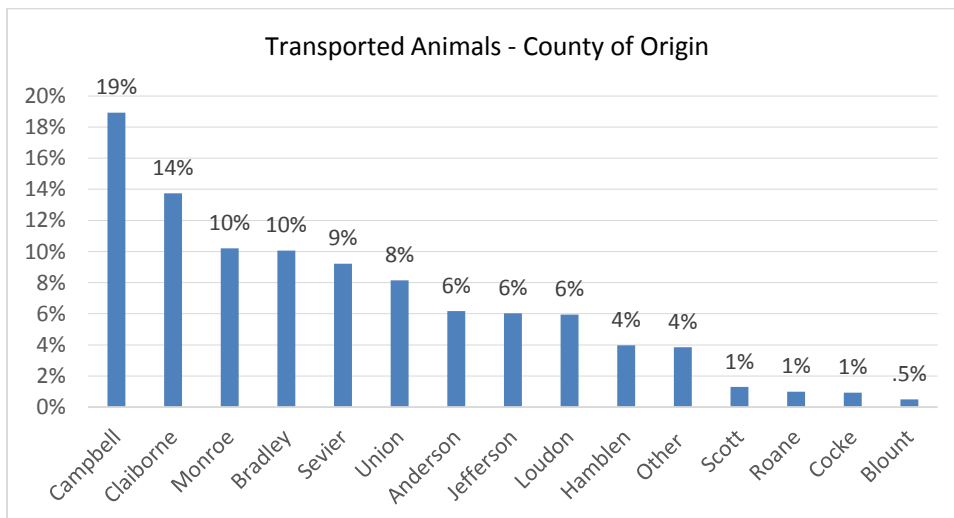
A total of **2625 animals** (mostly dogs and puppies) were transported to northern shelters **in 2015**. Since the program’s inception in 2012, 5,943 animals have been transported from east Tennessee to partner shelters in northern states. Most sending shelters report that they have been able to eliminate euthanasia for space as a result of being able to send animals north.

## Sending Shelters

Counties participating in GoNorth



County	Participating organizations
Anderson	Oak Ridge Animal Shelter
Blount	Blount County Animal Center
Bradley	Bradley County SPCA, Cleveland Animal Control
Campbell	Campbell County Animal Shelter, Friends of Campbell County Animals
Claiborne	Claiborne County Animal Shelter
Cocke	Newport Animal Shelter (began participating 12/15)
Hamblen	Morristown Hamblen Humane Society
Jefferson	Humane Society of Jefferson County
Loudon	Loudon County Animal Shelter
Monroe	Monroe County Animal Shelter
Roane	Roane County Humane Society (closed in 2015), Roane County Paws (opened in 2015)
Scott	For the Love of Paws
Sevier	Sevier County Humane Society
Union	Union County Humane Society
Other	At-Risk Intervention, Blackjack Rescue, Friends of Johnson County Animals, Rescue Dog and End-of-Life Sanctuary



## Destination Shelters

*Primary transport partners in 2015:*

The Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago, IL  
 Cleveland Animal Protective League in Cleveland, OH  
 Michigan Humane Society in Rochester Hills, MI  
 St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, NJ  
 Toledo Area Humane Society in Maumee, OH  
 Wisconsin Humane Society in Milwaukee, WI



Anti-Cruelty Society

Wisconsin Humane Society



Michigan Humane Society

*new Detroit facility opening in 2016*



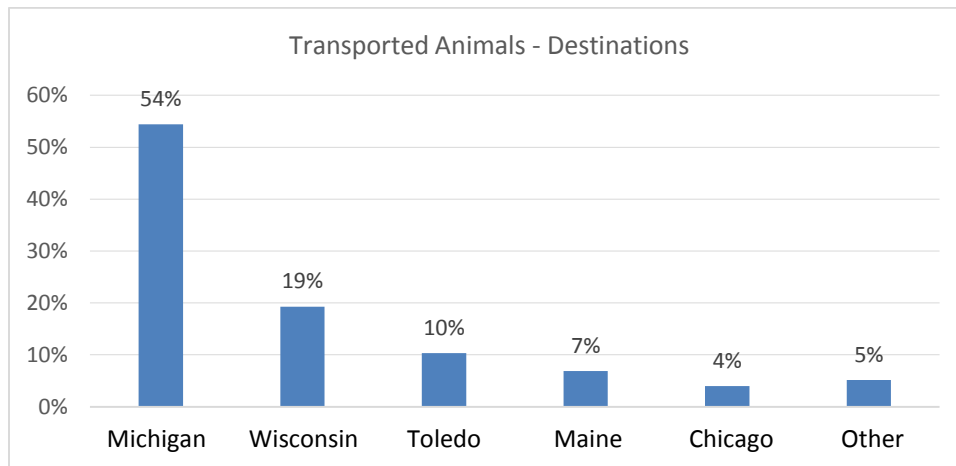
Cleveland Animal Protective League



St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center

Toledo Area Humane Society





## Key Personnel

Project Coordinator	Carmen Trammell
Transport Coordinator	Deonna Light
Lead Driver	Jeff Sindlinger
Van Manager	Michelle White
<i>Sending Shelter Coordinators</i>	
Anderson	Jeannie Parker
Blount	Kristin Baksa
Bradley	Jeanine Warner
Campbell	Michelle White
Claiborne	Misti Sandifer
Cocke	Jen Steele
Hamblen	Sheila Jackson
Jefferson	Kris Spencer
Loudon	April Kennedy
Monroe	Liz Sneed
Roane	Hope Gibson
Scott	Lauren Jeffers
Sevier	Amy Ogle
Union	Tammy Rouse
<i>Destination Shelter Coordinators</i>	
Anti-Cruelty Society	Tamra Wagenknecht
Cleveland Animal Protective League	Martha Gorman
Michigan Humane Society	Marcelena Mace, Josh Redder
St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center	Colleen Harrington
Toledo Area Humane Society	Lisa Sommers
Wisconsin Humane Society	Peggy Volkert



## Income and Expenses

### Income

Income Source	Amount
Individual Donors	27,646
Grants	20,000
Fundraising	6,500
Sponsorship*	6,000
Total	\$60,146

\*Critter magazine is project of GoNorth parent organization Peaceful Kingdom. Corporate sponsorship for the magazine covers printing costs and partially funds GoNorth.

### Expenses

#### Assumptions

2 transports per week, 25 animals per transport  
1200 miles per transport, 18 mpg, \$2.00/gallon for diesel fuel

Expense Item	Amount
Sprinter Van rental (@974/mo.):	11,688
Mileage charge (@.07/mi.):	8,064
Insurance	3,994
Fuel	12,800
Driver per diem	12,000
Van cleaning, supplies, repairs	10,600
Misc. contracted services	1,000
Total	\$60,146

Average cost per animal: \$23

Average cost per transport: \$627

Average cost per month: \$5,012

#### Issues Going Forward

- The expenses itemized above are for transport only. A much larger expense is pre-transport veterinary care for each animal, approximately \$40/animal. Veterinary costs, totaling about \$105,000 in 2015, are not reimbursed by destination shelters. Sending shelters bear this expense with no source of reimbursement, which is a constraint on shelter participation.
- The decrease in fuel prices during 2015 was a boon for everyone. If fuel prices return to pre-2015 levels, our fuel cost could easily double.
- "Animal transport best practices" call for two drivers on each transport. GoNorth usually has one driver on transports. Two drivers for each transport will be a 2016 goal, and will double per diem costs.
- At the current level of transport activity (two scheduled transports per week, and frequent ad hoc transports), planning and coordination hours almost match the driving hours. It is appropriate to consider contracted (rather than volunteer) services.

## 2015 Transports

Date	Number Transported	Destination
5-Jan	28	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
13-Jan	32	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
19-Jan	22	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
24-Jan	31	Anti-Cruelty Society (Chicago, IL)
26-Jan	19	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
3-Feb	32	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
7-Feb	27	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee, WI)
9-Feb	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
18-Feb	16	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
23-Feb	22	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
2-Mar	32	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
9-Mar	27	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
10-Mar	26	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)
16-Mar	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
23-Mar	18	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
28-Mar	19	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee, WI)
30-Mar	29	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
30-Mar	27	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)
3-Apr	14	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)
6-Apr	30	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
8-Apr	28	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
13-Apr	28	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
16-Apr	48	Greater Androscoggin Humane Society (Lewiston, ME)
20-Apr	38	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
26-Apr	44	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)
27-Apr	36	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
4-May	19	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
5-May	67	Greater Androscoggin Humane Society (Lewiston, ME)
11-May	29	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
13-May	30	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
19-May	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
20-May	27	Franklin County Animal Shelter (Farmington, ME)
20-May	32	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)
27-May	65	Greater Androscoggin Humane Society (Lewiston, ME)
30-May	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee, WI)
1-Jun	26	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
3-Jun	16	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee, WI)
8-Jun	30	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
8-Jun	27	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)

## 2015 Transports

Date	Number Transported	Destination
10-Jun	28	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
15-Jun	19	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
22-Jun	49	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)
22-Jun	33	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
27-Jun	23	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)
29-Jun	36	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
6-Jul	29	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
10-Jul	23	Foster homes in Nashville, Columbus OH, Chicago
13-Jul	33	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
20-Jul	27	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
22-Jul	49	WHS (Milwaukee) and Anti-Cruelty Society (Chicago)
27-Jul	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
29-Jul	24	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee, WI)
3-Aug	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
5-Aug	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
10-Aug	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills, MI)
12-Aug	21	Anti-Cruelty Society (Chicago)
12-Aug	24	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee, WI)
19-Aug	22	Anti-Cruelty Society (Chicago)
19-Aug	16	Wisconsin Humane Society (Saukville, WI)
24-Aug	25	Michigan Humane Society (Westland, MI)
26-Aug	39	Wisconsin Humane Society (Saukville, WI)
31-Aug	22	Michigan Humane Society (Westland, MI)
3-Sep	35	Wisconsin Humane Society (Saukville, WI)
9-Sep	23	Michigan Humane Society (Westland, MI)
16-Sep	28	Michigan Humane Society (Westland, MI)
21-Sep	26	Michigan Humane Society (Westland, MI)
23-Sep	20	Wisconsin Humane Society (Saukville, WI)
28-Sep	23	Michigan Humane Society (Westland, MI)
30-Sep	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Saukville, WI)
5-Oct	22	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
7-Oct	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
13-Oct	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
15-Oct	36	Wisconsin Humane Society (Saukville, WI)
19-Oct	23	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
22-Oct	21	Wisconsin Humane Society (Saukville, WI)
22-Oct	12	Cleveland Animal Protective League (Cleveland OH)
26-Oct	19	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
28-Oct	26	Wisconsin Humane Society (Saukville, WI)

## 2015 Transports

Date	Number Transported	Destination
2-Nov	19	Michigan Humane Society (Westland, MI)
2-Nov	18	St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center
5-Nov	25	Michigan Humane Society (Westland, MI)
9-Nov	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-Nov	9	Animal Allies (Duluth MN)
9-Nov	8	Humane Society of Douglas County (South Range WI)
12-Nov	14	Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee WI)
16-Nov	26	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
19-Nov	29	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
24-Nov	16	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
24-Nov	17	Cleveland Animal Protective League (Cleveland OH)
30-Nov	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
3-Dec	41	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
7-Dec	22	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-Dec	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-Dec	12	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)
14-Dec	29	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
14-Dec	17	Toledo Area Humane Society (Maumee, OH)
17-Dec	25	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
21-Dec	32	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
22-Dec	18	Cleveland Animal Protective League (Cleveland OH)
23-Dec	18	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
30-Dec	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>2625</b>	

## **APPENDIX**

### **Pictures of Transported Animals**

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