GO NORTH
ANIMAL TRANSPORT
THEIR RIDE HOME.

2019

A Project of Peaceful Kingdom, a 501(c)3 organization

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.

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Somebody wants me!

I need a ride!

Mission

The *GoNorth Transport Collaborative* is a group of east Tennessee animal shelters that transport animals to under-capacity shelters in areas with high adoption demand. 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 in our communities. In parts of the country where high-volume spaying and neutering has reduced the birth rate (typically, northern states), pet overpopulation is not a problem.

Numerous low-cost spay/neuter clinics exist in east Tennessee, and progress in combating pet overpopulation is occurring. It will take "time on task," however, to dramatically reduce the birth rate. In the meantime, transporting animals from crowded shelters to shelters that have room for them is a lifesaving strategy to avoid euthanasia for space.

How GoNorth Works

Shelters that participate in the GoNorth project propose healthy, well-socialized candidates for transport. The candidates go into a "transport queue." The transport coordinators draw from the queue to assemble a roster for transport. Each roster must be a mix of sizes and breeds. Destination shelters review the proposed rosters. 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), and treated for fleas and ticks if needed. If they are not already spayed or neutered, they will be spayed or neutered at the destination shelter prior to adoption. Every animal is also examined by a veterinarian prior to transport, and healthy animals are issued a health certificate (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 transport van arrives at the destination in the early morning, and staff and volunteers welcome the animals. In 2019, dogs were transported to partner shelters in Michigan, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Results

A total of **3025** animals (mostly dogs and puppies) were transported to welcoming destination shelters in 2019. Over **17,000** animals have been transported from east Tennessee to partner shelters since the program's inception in 2012. Most sending shelters report that they have been able to dramatically reduce or eliminate euthanasia for space as a result of being able to send animals on transport.
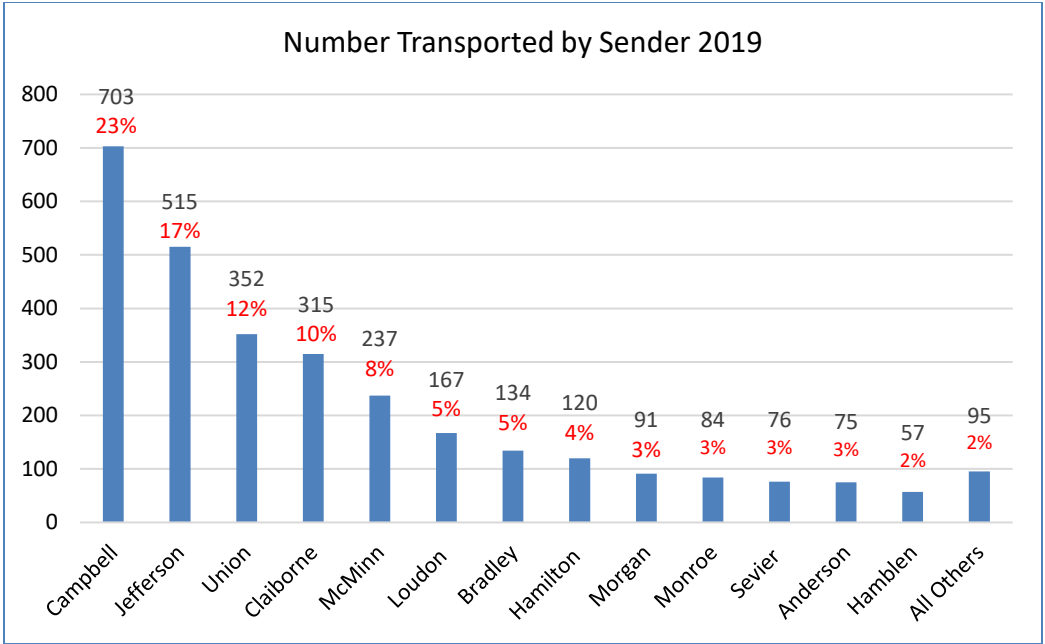
Sending Shelters

GoNorth primarily assists municipal shelters in east Tennessee. In counties where there is no shelter, animal rescue groups sometimes participate. Below is a map of east Tennessee counties showing participating shelters and rescue groups, followed by a table with the names of participants.
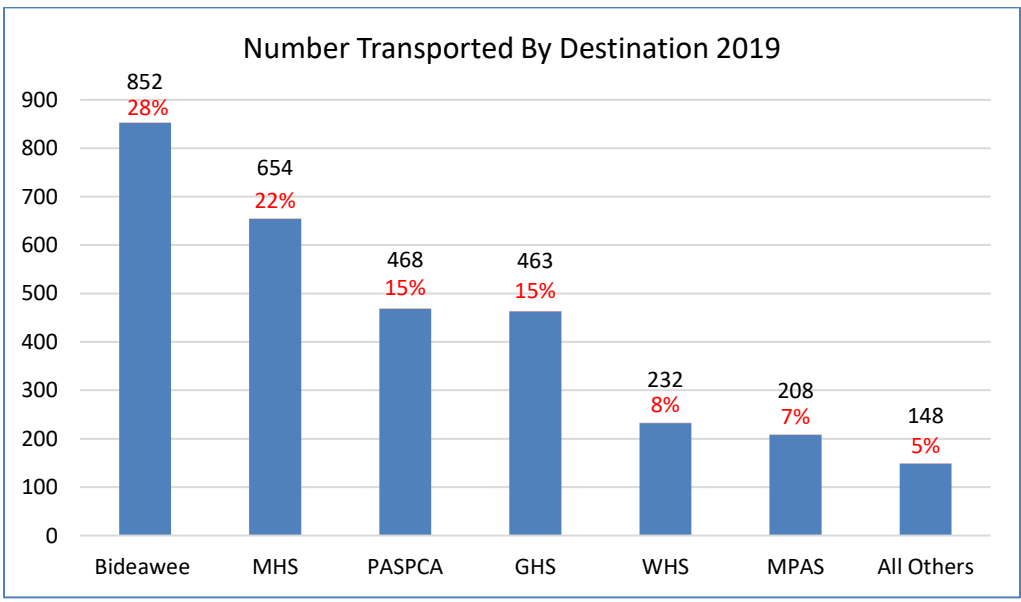
Counties participating in GoNorth

County	Participating organizations
Anderson	Anderson County Animal Shelter, Oak Ridge Animal Shelter
Blount	Blount County Animal Center
Bradley	Bradley County SPCA
Campbell	Campbell County Animal Shelter
Claiborne	Claiborne County Animal Shelter
Hamblen	Morristown Hamblen Humane Society
Hamilton	Humane Educational Society, McKamey Animal Center
Jefferson	Companion Animal Rescue & Education, Humane Society of Jefferson County
Loudon	Loudon County Animal Shelter
McMinn	McMinn Regional Humane Society
Monroe	Monroe County Animal Shelter
Morgan	Senior Dog Lodge & Animal Rescue
Scott	For the Love of Paws
Sevier	Sevier Animal Care Center, Sevier County Humane Society
Sullivan	Sullivan County Animal Shelter
Union	Union County Humane Society
Washington	Washington County Animal Shelter

Number Transported by Sender 2019

County	Number	Percent
Campbell	703	23%
Jefferson	515	17%
Union	352	12%
Claiborne	315	10%
McMinn	237	8%
Loudon	167	5%
Bradley	134	5%
Hamilton	120	4%
Morgan	91	3%
Monroe	84	3%
Sevier	76	3%
Anderson	75	3%
Hamblen	57	2%
All Others	95	2%

Destination Shelters

Primary transport partners in 2019:
Bideawee in Wantagh NY
Michigan Humane Society in Rochester Hills MI
PA SPCA in Philadelphia PA
Greenville Humane Society in Greenville SC
Wisconsin Humane Society in Milwaukee WI
Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter in East Hanover NJ

Number Transported By Destination 2019

Destination	Number	Percent
Bideawee	852	28%
MHS	654	22%
PASPCA	468	15%
GHS	463	15%
WHS	232	8%
MPAS	208	7%
All Others	148	5%

Key Personnel

Project Coordinator	Carmen Trammell
Transport Coordinators	Deonna Light, Patricia Siwinski
Drivers	Scott Gunter, Tyler Kerns, John Kluever, Judy Kluever, William Simpson, Mike Siwinski, Patricia Siwinski
Van Manager	Campbell County Animal Shelter
Sending Shelter Coordinators	
Anderson: Carrie Brandt, Taylor Freels	McMinn: Angie DeForrest
Blount: Kristin Baksa	Monroe: Liz Sneed
Bradley: Amanda Morgan	Morgan*: Lisa Hill
Campbell: Patricia Siwinski	Scott*: Lauren Jeffers, Brooke Miller
Claiborne: Misti Sandifer	Sevier: Michaela Sorey, Ashley Thomas
Hamblen: Sheila Jackson	Sullivan: Brandi Perkey
Hamilton: Sarah Muirhead, Chasity Garrett	Union: Tammy Rouse
Jefferson: Julie Carter, Kris Spencer	Washington: Megan Quinlan
Loudon: April Kyle	*No county shelter. Rescue grps participate.

Income and Expenses

Income

Income Source	Amount	% of Income
Grants*	80,000	52%
Cost Sharing by Destinations*	53,822	35%
Individual Donors	19,022	13%
Total	93,962	100%

* Transport expenses only. Does not include pre-transport vetting expenses paid by shelters.

Expenses

Expense Item	Amount	% of Income
Van cleaning, supplies, equipment	41,289	27%
Driver per diem (2 drivers/trip)	39,705	26%
Fuel and Tolls	20,424	13%
Contracted services	18,900	12%
Maintenance and Repairs	18,371	12%
Vehicle payments	8,460	6%
Insurance	5,476	4%
Total	152,625	100%

Vital Statistics for 2019

Animals and Transports

Animals Transported	3025
Number of Transports	114
Average Animals per Transport	27

Senders

Municipal Shelters	17
Non-municipal Shelters	2
Rescue Groups	2
Other (Vet Clinics, Individuals)	4
Total Senders	25

Receivers

Municipal Shelters	0
Non-municipal Shelters	11
Rescue Groups	0
Total Receivers	11

Revenue Sources

Grantors	3
Donors	27
Cost-Sharing Destinations	4

Costs

Total Expenses	$152,625
Average Monthly Expenses	$12,719
Average Cost per Transport	$1339
Average Cost per Animal	$50

2019 Highlights

- **3025 shelter animals got second chances at life. Over 17,000 innocents have been transported to welcoming destination shelters since the GoNorth project began in 2012.**
- The Campbell County Animal Shelter again did an outstanding job of taking care of the GoNorth vehicles. The vehicles are garaged at the shelter, and the shelter provides staff to clean, prep, maintain, and drive the vehicles.
- Cost-sharing by destination shelters increased from 9% of total revenue in 2018 to 35% in 2019. Cost-sharing is becoming the rule rather than the exception in transport partnerships.
- Although our vehicles are well-maintained, they are now several years old and are well-worn. Disruptive, time-consuming, expensive breakdowns occurred several times in 2019.
- Several participating county shelters have developed multiple collaborations with organizations that facilitate animal relocation. As these county shelters become self-sufficient, GoNorth can be proactive in offering services to counties that currently have no help at all.

2019 Transports

Date	Number Transported	Destination
3-Jan	20	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
3-Jan	8	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
3-Jan	12	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
7-Jan	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
10-Jan	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
10-Jan	17	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
14-Jan	26	Humane Society of Summit County (Twinsburg OH)
17-Jan	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
17-Jan	7	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
17-Jan	22	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
17-Jan	7	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
21-Jan	22	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
24-Jan	11	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
24-Jan	23	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
24-Jan	21	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
31-Jan	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
31-Jan	4	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
31-Jan	36	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
31-Jan	1	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
4-Feb	31	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
7-Feb	9	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
7-Feb	7	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
7-Feb	20	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
7-Feb	1	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
8-Feb	24	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
10-Feb	28	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
13-Feb	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
14-Feb	20	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
14-Feb	24	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
14-Feb	3	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
21-Feb	10	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
21-Feb	9	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
22-Feb	33	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
25-Feb	29	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
28-Feb	34	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
28-Feb	19	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
28-Feb	5	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)

4-Mar	27	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
7-Mar	14	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
7-Mar	8	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
7-Mar	9	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
13-Mar	51	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
14-Mar	21	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
14-Mar	4	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
18-Mar	57	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
21-Mar	20	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
21-Mar	18	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
21-Mar	1	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
25-Mar	26	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
28-Mar	1	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
28-Mar	21	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
28-Mar	4	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
31-Mar	29	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
1-Apr	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
4-Apr	24	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
4-Apr	2	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
8-Apr	45	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
10-Apr	26	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
11-Apr	22	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
11-Apr	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
11-Apr	5	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
15-Apr	32	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
18-Apr	33	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
18-Apr	20	Humane Society of Summit County (Twinsburg OH)
19-Apr	40	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
22-Apr	30	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
25-Apr	21	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
25-Apr	7	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
29-Apr	28	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
2-May	10	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
2-May	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
2-May	7	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
2-May	12	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
6-May	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-May	3	Brandyvine Valley SPCA (West Chester PA)
9-May	14	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
9-May	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
9-May	3	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)

14-May	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
20-May	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
23-May	28	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
23-May	4	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
23-May	4	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
27-May	23	Humane Society of Summit County (Twinsburg OH)
30-May	4	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
30-May	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
5-Jun	31	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
6-Jun	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
6-Jun	6	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
6-Jun	20	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
10-Jun	26	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
13-Jun	5	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
13-Jun	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
13-Jun	9	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
17-Jun	21	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
27-Jun	23	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
4-Jul	23	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
4-Jul	19	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
8-Jul	37	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
11-Jul	10	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
11-Jul	18	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
17-Jul	33	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
18-Jul	19	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
18-Jul	16	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
18-Jul	6	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
23-Jul	28	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
24-Jul	17	South Suburban Humane Society (Chicago Heights IL)
25-Jul	20	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
1-Aug	13	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
1-Aug	6	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
1-Aug	2	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
1-Aug	2	Father John's Animal House (Lafayette Township, NJ)
2-Aug	16	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
9-Aug	20	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
9-Aug	7	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
11-Aug	22	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
19-Aug	34	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
21-Aug	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
29-Aug	24	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)

29-Aug	11	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
4-Sep	49	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
5-Sep	24	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
9-Sep	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
11-Sep	24	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
12-Sep	20	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
12-Sep	10	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
18-Sep	21	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
19-Sep	24	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
19-Sep	1	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
25-Sep	34	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
26-Sep	11	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
26-Sep	7	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
26-Sep	10	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
1-Oct	10	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
1-Oct	2	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
1-Oct	7	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
3-Oct	14	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
3-Oct	18	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
3-Oct	4	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
7-Oct	21	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-Oct	30	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
10-Oct	26	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
17-Oct	19	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
17-Oct	9	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
21-Oct	18	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
23-Oct	26	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
24-Oct	16	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
24-Oct	5	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
31-Oct	26	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
31-Oct	4	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
4-Nov	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
5-Nov	17	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
7-Nov	21	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
7-Nov	19	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
7-Nov	17	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
13-Nov	27	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
14-Nov	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
14-Nov	7	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
18-Nov	25	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
21-Nov	22	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)

21-Nov	4	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
26-Nov	21	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
26-Nov	5	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township, NJ)
2-Dec	20	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
5-Dec	16	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
5-Dec	6	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
12-Dec	12	PA SPCA (Philadelphia PA)
12-Dec	11	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
12-Dec	3	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
16-Dec	26	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
20-Dec	28	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
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Total	**3025**	

APPENDIX

Pictures of Transported Animals

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