



2021

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.

GoNorth Transport Collaborative 2021



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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.*

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 pets are routinely spayed or neutered, pet overpopulation is not a problem. Transporting animals from crowded shelters to shelters that have room for them is a lifesaving strategy to avoid euthanasia for space.

Operation

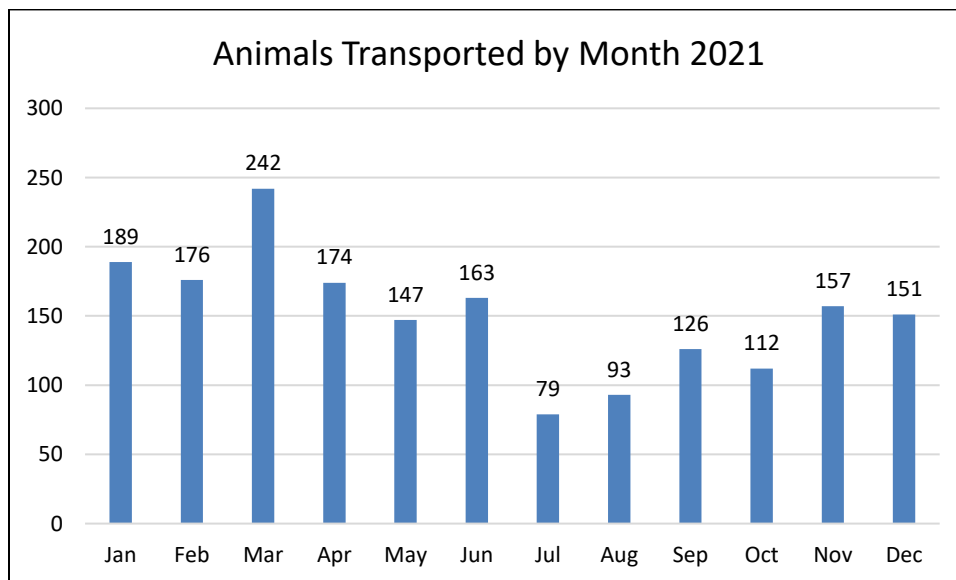
Shelters that participate in the GoNorth project propose healthy, well-socialized candidates for transport. Transport coordinators assemble a roster for transport that is a mix of sizes and breeds. Destination shelters review the proposed rosters. Usually, all candidates are accepted.

Prior to transport, animals are vaccinated, treated for parasites, and heartworm tested (dogs over 6 months only). If they are not spayed or neutered, they will be spayed or neutered at the destination.

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.

Results

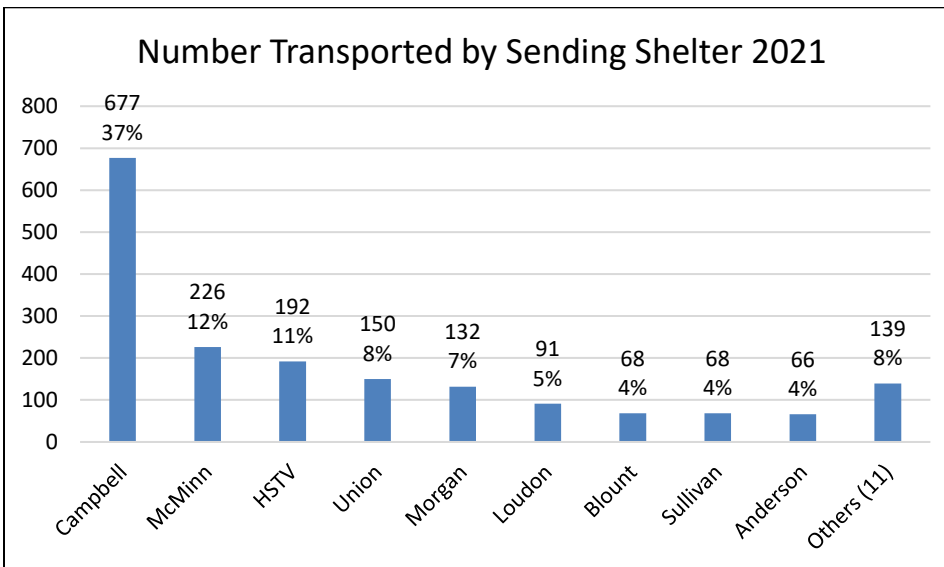
A total of **1809** animals (mostly dogs and puppies) were transported to welcoming destination shelters in 2021. Over **20,000** animals have been transported from east Tennessee to partner shelters since the program's inception in 2012.



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 list of organizations that sent animals on transport.

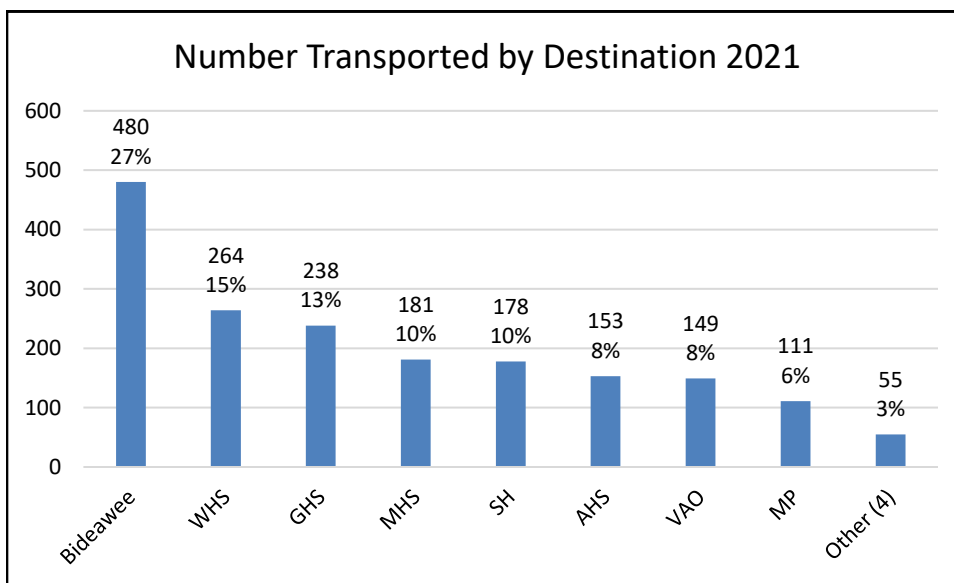
Counties participating in GoNorth	Participating organizations
Anderson	Anderson County Animal Shelter Oak Ridge Animal Shelter
Blount	Blount County Animal Center Blount County Animal Welfare Society
Campbell	Campbell County Animal Shelter
Hamblen	Morristown Hamblen Humane Society
Knox	Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley
Jefferson	Companion Animal Rescue & Education
Loudon	Loudon County Animal Shelter
McMinn	McMinn Regional Humane Society
Monroe	Monroe County Animal Shelter
Morgan	Senior Dog Lodge & Animal Rescue
Sevier	Sevier Animal Care Center Sevier County Humane Society
Sullivan	Animal Shelter of Sullivan County
Union	Union County Humane Society



Destination Shelters

Michigan Humane Society and the Wisconsin Humane Society are long-standing partners that have saved the lives of thousands of Tennessee animals. Our several partners in New Jersey have recently become frequent destinations, with a weekly transport that has provided welcome predictability and stability. Specific destinations and the number of animals transported to each are given below.

Destination	Name in table below
Atlanta Humane Society (Alpharetta GA)	AHS
Bideawee (Wantagh NY)	Bideawee
Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)	GHS
Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)	MHS
Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)	MPAS
St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)	SH
Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)	VAO
Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)	WHS



As the name implies, GoNorth transports are usually to northern shelters. Two exceptions are the Greenville Humane Society in Greenville, SC, and Atlanta Humane Society in Alpharetta, GA. It is unusual for a southern animal shelter to be a transport destination, and an explanation follows.

These shelters have high adoption demand, and have already established transport partnerships with shelters in their region and state to try to meet the demand. Greenville Humane Society (GHS) has over 41 neighboring partners, and Atlanta Humane Society (AHS) has over 100. Even with so many in-state partnerships, these shelters need additional partnerships to meet the adoption demand in their locations. GoNorth has been fortunate to be invited to establish partnerships with GHS and AHS. We did due diligence first, however, to ensure that we would not be displacing opportunities for local or regional animals near these shelters.

Key Personnel

Project Coordinator	Carmen Trammell
Transport Coordinators	Deonna Light, Patricia Siwinski
Drivers	Mike Copeland, Scott Gunter, Tyler Kerns, John Kluever, Mike Siwinski, Patricia Siwinski
Van Manager	Campbell County Animal Shelter
<i>Sending Shelter Coordinators</i>	
Blount: Tracy Longhurst	McMinn: Cheryl Rhodes
Campbell: Patricia Siwinski	Monroe: Liz Sneed
Hamblen: Sheila Jackson	Morgan: Lisa Hill
HSTV: Ashley Schneider	Oak Ridge*: Carrie Brandt
Jefferson: various	Sullivan: Karen Fox
Loudon: April Kyle	Union: Tammy Rouse
	<i>*in Anderson county</i>

Income and Expenses

Income

Income Source	Amount	% of Income
Grants	20,000	16%
Cost Sharing by Destinations	56,546	46%
Individual Donors	46,117	38%
Total	122,663	100%

Expenses

(Transport expenses only. Does not include pre-transport vetting expenses paid by sending shelters.)

Expense Item	Amount	% of Expenses
Vehicle <i>Monthly payment, insurance, maintenance, cleaning and supplies</i>	66,457	49%
Travel <i>Fuel, tolls, lodging</i>	18,830	14%
Personnel <i>Coordinators, drivers</i>	50,077	37%
Total	135,364	100%

Vital Statistics for 2021

Animals and Transports

Animals Transported	1809
Number of Transports	82
Average Animals per Transport	22

Senders

Municipal Shelters	12
Non-municipal Shelters	1
Rescue Groups	2
Total Senders	15

Receivers

Municipal Shelters	0
Non-municipal Shelters	12
Rescue Groups	0
Total Receivers	12

Revenue Sources

Grantors	1
Donors	20
Cost-Sharing Destinations	6

Costs

Total Expenses	\$135,364
Average Monthly Expenses	\$11,280
Average Cost per Transport	\$1,651
Average Cost per Animal	\$75

2021 Highlights

- **1809 shelter animals got second chances at life. Over 20,000 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.
- As was true everywhere, the COVID pandemic adversely affected both accomplishments and expenses. The adverse effects were not as severe as in 2020, however. Our fully-burdened cost per animal in 2020 was \$87, compared with \$75 in 2021.
- Total Income minus Total Expenses yielded a deficit of **\$42,734** in 2021. The deficit was almost exactly the sum of grants received in 2020 that did not come through in 2021. Both of the grantors of the grants that did not come through in 2021 cited COVID-related reasons, not the performance of GoNorth.

2021 Transports

Date	Number Transported	Destination
3-Jan	4	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
3-Jan	7	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
3-Jan	9	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
12-Jan	20	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
13-Jan	19	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
14-Jan	13	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
14-Jan	6	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
14-Jan	2	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
21-Jan	19	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
21-Jan	17	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
25-Jan	30	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
27-Jan	21	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
28-Jan	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
28-Jan	5	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
28-Jan	2	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
3-Feb	16	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
4-Feb	13	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
4-Feb	5	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
8-Feb	24	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-Feb	18	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
16-Feb	21	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
16-Feb	7	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
16-Feb	26	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
22-Feb	25	Atlanta Humane Society (Alpharetta GA)
25-Feb	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
25-Feb	9	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
2-Mar	19	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
4-Mar	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
4-Mar	12	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
8-Mar	40	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
9-Mar	18	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
11-Mar	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
11-Mar	22	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
14-Mar	7	The Last Resort (Hewitt NJ)
15-Mar	36	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
18-Mar	5	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
18-Mar	8	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)

18-Mar	14	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
25-Mar	18	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
30-Mar	19	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
7-Apr	26	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-Apr	23	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
9-Apr	6	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
13-Apr	23	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
15-Apr	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
20-Apr	21	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
22-Apr	11	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
22-Apr	9	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
22-Apr	2	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
26-Apr	16	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
29-Apr	13	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
29-Apr	7	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
3-May	17	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
11-May	19	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
12-May	23	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
20-May	24	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
24-May	10	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
25-May	21	St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center (Madison NJ)
27-May	21	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
27-May	12	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
3-Jun	13	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
3-Jun	10	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
6-Jun	19	Michigan Humane Society (Rochester Hills MI)
9-Jun	26	Atlanta Humane Society (Alpharetta GA)
17-Jun	9	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
17-Jun	6	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
17-Jun	8	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
21-Jun	13	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
28-Jun	20	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
30-Jun	39	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
12-Jul	23	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
15-Jul	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
15-Jul	11	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
26-Jul	23	Atlanta Humane Society (Alpharetta GA)
30-Jul	7	Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley (Howes NY)
5-Aug	22	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
5-Aug	6	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
11-Aug	12	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)

12-Aug	19	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
26-Aug	17	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
26-Aug	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
9-Sep	19	Atlanta Humane Society (Atlanta GA)
9-Sep	23	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
17-Sep	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
17-Sep	5	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
22-Sep	15	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
30-Sep	25	Atlanta Humane Society (Atlanta GA)
30-Sep	16	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
30-Sep	8	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
4-Oct	22	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
6-Oct	10	SPCA Cincinnati
7-Oct	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
7-Oct	7	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
7-Oct	2	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
12-Oct	14	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
22-Oct	16	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
22-Oct	9	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
27-Oct	20	Atlanta Humane Society (Atlanta GA)
2-Nov	20	Harbor Humane Society (West Olive MI)
4-Nov	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
4-Nov	4	Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
4-Nov	3	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
10-Nov	25	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
12-Nov	23	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
12-Nov	7	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
18-Nov	21	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
22-Nov	15	Atlanta Humane Society (Atlanta GA)
30-Nov	24	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
1-Dec	35	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
6-Dec	31	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
8-Dec	11	SPCA Cincinnati
10-Dec	10	Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)
10-Dec	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
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Total	1809	

APPENDIX

Pictures of Transported Animals

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