GO
NORTH
ANIMAL TRANSPORT
THEIR RIDE HOME.

2023

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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.

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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.
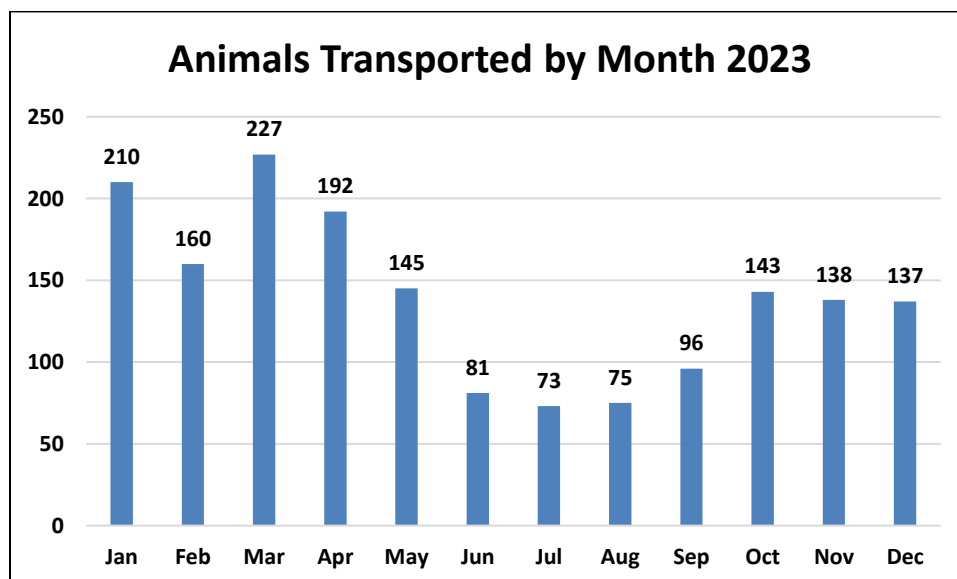
Operation

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.
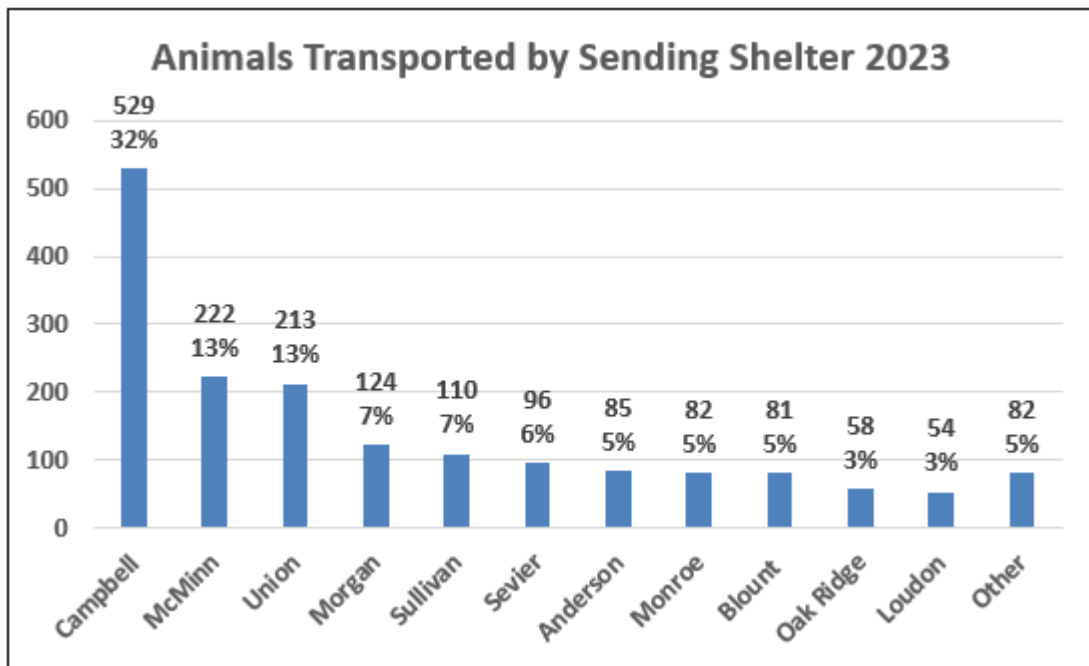
Results

A total of **1677** animals (mostly dogs and puppies) were transported to welcoming destination shelters in 2023. A total of **23,943** animals have been transported from east Tennessee to partner shelters since the program's inception in 2012.

Animals Transported by Month 2023

Month	Animals
Jan	210
Feb	160
Mar	227
Apr	192
May	145
Jun	81
Jul	73
Aug	75
Sep	96
Oct	143
Nov	138
Dec	137

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.
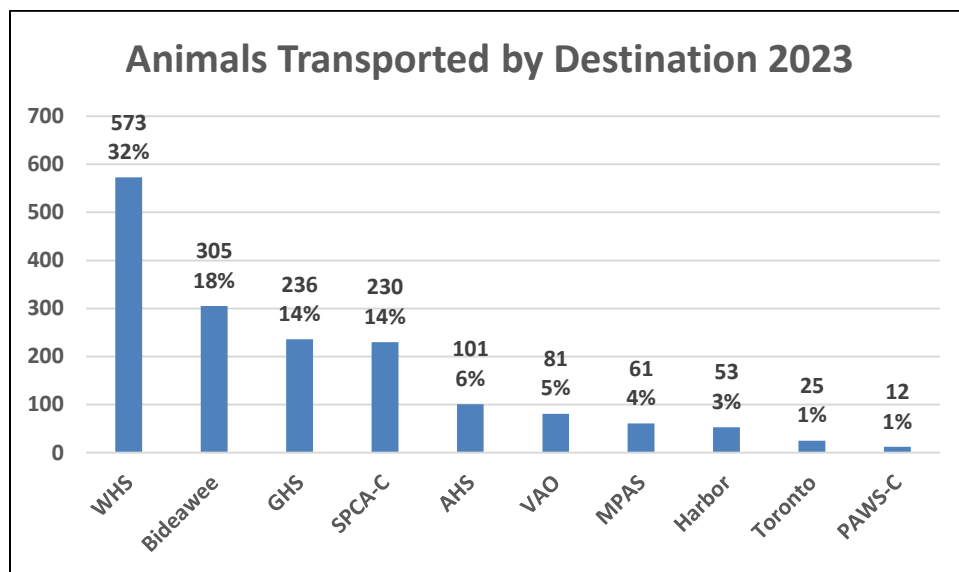
Counties participating in GoNorth	Participating organizations
Anderson	Anderson County Animal Shelter Oak Ridge Animal Shelter
Blount	Blount County Animal Center Blount County Animal Welfare Society
Campbell	Campbell County Animal Shelter
Hamblen	Morristown Hamblen Humane Society
Jefferson	Companion 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

Animals Transported by Sending Shelter 2023

Destination Shelters

Destinations and the number of animals transported to each are given below.

Destination	Abbreviation in the table below
Atlanta Humane Society (Alpharetta GA)	AHS
Bideawee (Wantagh NY)	Bideawee
Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)	GHS
Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)	MPAS
PAWS Chicago	PAWS-C
SPCA Cincinnati	SPCA-C
Toronto Humane Society	THS
Vorhees Animal Orphanage (Vorhees Township NJ)	VAO
Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)	WHS

Animals Transported by Destination 2023

WHS	573 / 32%
Bideawee	305 / 18%
GHS	236 / 14%
SPCA-C	230 / 14%
AHS	101 / 6%
VAO	81 / 5%
MPAS	61 / 4%
Harbor	53 / 3%
Toronto	25 / 1%
PAWS-C	12 / 1%

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	Patricia Siwinski, Carmen Trammell
Drivers	Scott Gunter, Jami Hall, John Kluever
Van Preparation and Cleaning	Scott Gunter, Campbell County Animal Shelter
Van Maintenance and Repair	Mike Copeland
Sending Shelter Coordinators	
Blount: Steve Mallett, Kristin Baksa	Monroe: Liz Sneed
Campbell: Patricia Siwinski	Morgan: Lisa Hill
Hamblen: Sheila Jackson	Oak Ridge*: Jean Parker
Jefferson: Mindy Hutcheson	Sevier: Ashley Thomas
Loudon: April Kyle	Sullivan: Karen Fox
McMinn: Cheryl Rhodes	Union: Tammy Rouse
	*in Anderson county

2023 Transports

Date	Number Transported	Destination
2-Jan	20	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
2-Jan	11	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
9-Jan	24	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
16-Jan	18	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
16-Jan	6	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
16-Jan	9	Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
18-Jan	23	SPCA Cincinnati
23-Jan	34	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
26-Jan	19	Atlanta Humane Society
31-Jan	46	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
2-Feb	21	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
2-Feb	11	Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
8-Feb	6	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
8-Feb	15	Toronto Humane Society (Canada)
15-Feb	27	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
16-Feb	22	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
16-Feb	3	Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
21-Feb	27	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
27-Feb	28	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
2-Mar	20	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
2-Mar	11	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
2-Mar	10	Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
7-Mar	42	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
8-Mar	16	SPCA Cincinnati
9-Mar	12	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
15-Mar	19	Harbor Humane Society (Mt. Olive MI)
16-Mar	19	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
22-Mar	33	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
23-Mar	17	Atlanta Humane Society
30-Mar	20	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
30-Mar	5	Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
30-Mar	3	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
4-Apr	24	wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
4-Apr	21	SPCA Cincinnati
6-Apr	42	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
12-Apr	26	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
18-Apr	40	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)

18-Apr	10	Toronto Humane Society (Canada)
27-Apr	12	Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
27-Apr	10	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
27-Apr	7	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
2-May	28	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
2-May	32	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
10-May	29	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
11-May	13	SPCA Cincinnati
15-May	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
15-May	3	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
19-May	10	SPCA Cincinnati
25-May	18	Atlanta Humane Society
5-Jun	12	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
13-Jun	27	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
19-Jun	16	SPCA Cincinnati
22-Jun	8	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
22-Jun	5	Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
26-Jun	13	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
12-Jul	15	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
17-Jul	13	Harbor Humane Society (Mt. Olive MI)
17-Jul	13	SPCA Cincinnati
18-Jul	32	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
3-Aug	5	SPCA Cincinnati
8-Aug	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
8-Aug	6	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
24-Aug	16	Atlanta Humane Society
24-Aug	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
24-Aug	5	Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
30-Aug	11	SPCA Cincinnati
4-Sep	14	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
4-Sep	7	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
6-Sep	20	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
6-Sep	30	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
18-Sep	13	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
20-Sep	12	SPCA Cincinnati
2-Oct	13	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
2-Oct	7	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
11-Oct	11	SPCA Cincinnati
11-Oct	39	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
18-Oct	24	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
26-Oct	12	Atlanta Humane Society

27-Oct	19	SPCA Cincinnati
30-Oct	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
30-Oct	1	Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)
1-Nov	21	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
1-Nov	25	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
15-Nov	35	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
21-Nov	24	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
27-Nov	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
29-Nov	18	SPCA Cincinnati
8-Dec	17	SPCA Cincinnati
11-Dec	14	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
14-Dec	11	SPCA Cincinnati
18-Dec	21	Harbor Humane Society (Mt. Olive MI)
20-Dec	29	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
20-Dec	19	Atlanta Humane Society
21-Dec	14	SPCA Cincinnati
28-Dec	12	PAWS Chicago

APPENDIX

Pictures of Transported Animals

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