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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

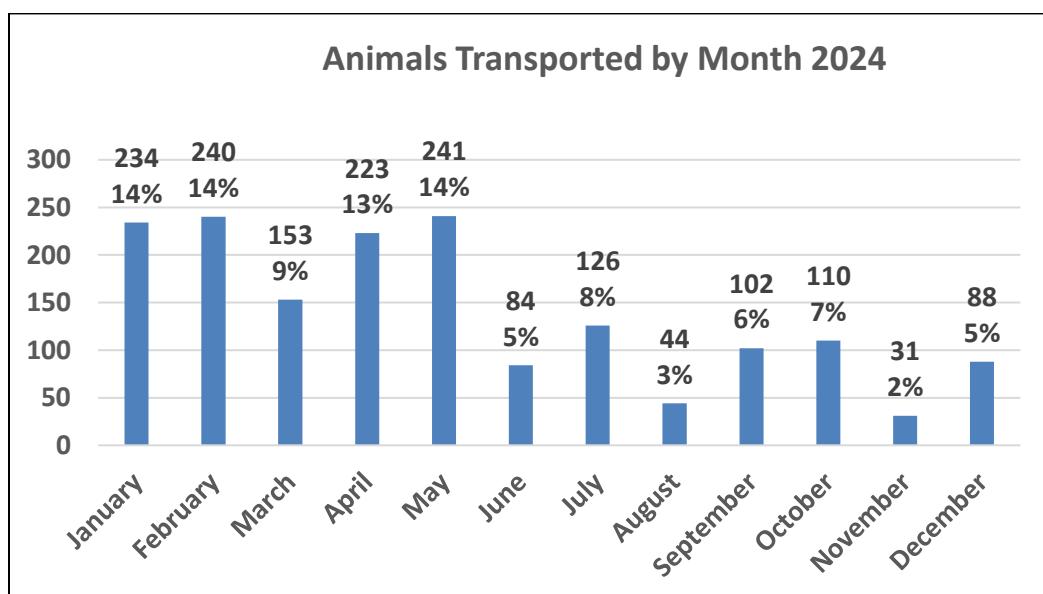
Shelters that participate in the GoNorth project propose healthy, well-socialized candidates for transport. Transport coordinators assemble a roster for transport that is a mix of sizes and breeds. Destination shelters review the proposed rosters. Usually, all candidates are accepted.

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

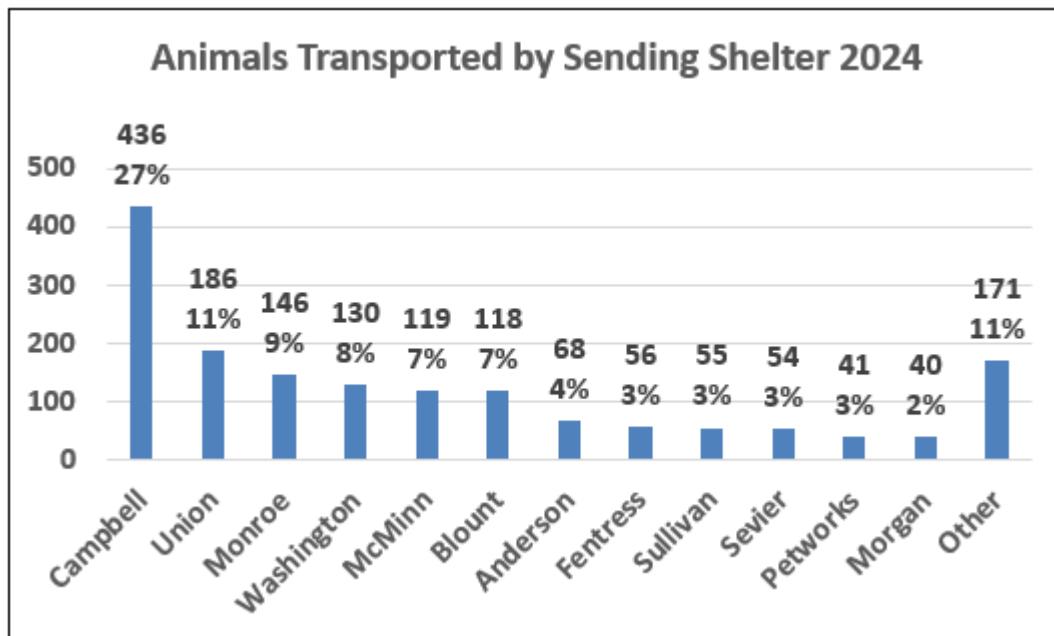
A total of **1676** animals (mostly dogs and puppies) were transported to welcoming destination shelters in 2024. A total of **25,619** animals have been transported from east Tennessee to partner shelters since the program's inception in 2012.



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.

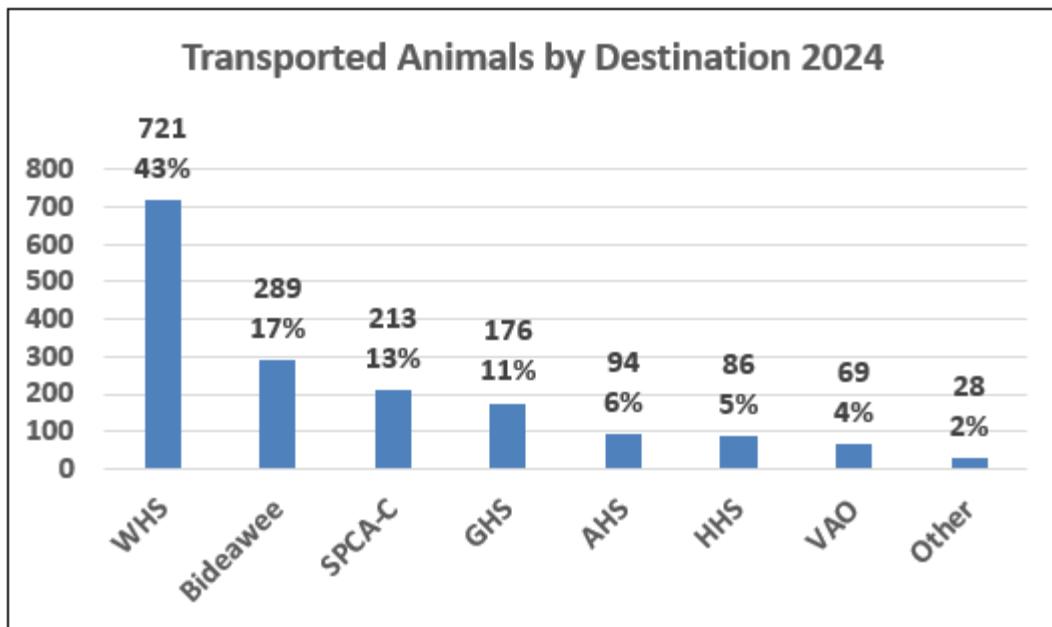
Counties participating in GoNorth	Participating organizations
Anderson	Anderson County Animal Shelter Oak Ridge Animal Shelter
Blount	Blount County Animal Center Blount County Animal Welfare Society
Campbell	Campbell County Animal Shelter
Hamblen	Morristown Hamblen Humane Society
Jefferson	Companion Animal Rescue & Education
Loudon	Loudon County Animal Shelter
McMinn	McMinn Regional Humane Society
Monroe	Monroe County Animal Shelter
Morgan	MoCo Mutts Rescue Center
Sevier	Sevier Animal Care Center Sevier County Humane Society
Sullivan	Animal Shelter of Sullivan County Petworks
Union	Union County Humane Society



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
Harbor Humane Society (West Olive MI)	HHS
Mt Pleasant Animal Shelter (East Hanover NJ)	MPAS
PAWS Chicago	PAWS-C
SPCA Cincinnati	SPCA-C
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	Patricia Siwinski, Carmen Trammell
Drivers	Chet Fisher, Scott Gunter, Jami Hall, Michelle Orman
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
	<i>*in Anderson county</i>

2024 Transports

Date	Number Transported	Destination
2-Jan	23	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
4-Jan	15	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
5-Jan	15	SPCA Cincinnati
10-Jan	29	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
12-Jan	9	SPCA Cincinnati
22-Jan	16	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
22-Jan	10	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
25-Jan	40	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
29-Jan	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
29-Jan	5	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
30-Jan	13	SPCA Cincinnati
31-Jan	36	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
1/11, 1/18	6	Lab rescues
6-Feb	19	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
7-Feb	16	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
7-Feb	4	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
9-Feb	11	SPCA Cincinnati
14-Feb	36	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
15-Feb	19	Atlanta Humane Society
20-Feb	35	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
23-Feb	11	SPCA Cincinnati
26-Feb	14	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
26-Feb	10	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
27-Feb	26	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
28-Feb	39	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
5-Mar	24	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
13-Mar	32	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
18-Mar	26	Harbor Humane Society (West Olive MI)
19-Mar	25	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
21-Mar	12	SPCA Cincinnati
25-Mar	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
25-Mar	3	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
28-Mar	14	SPCA Cincinnati
2-Apr	25	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
8-Apr	7	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
8-Apr	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
9-Apr	52	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)

16-Apr	10	SPCA Cincinnati
17-Apr	22	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
18-Apr	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
18-Apr	7	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
23-Apr	48	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
30-Apr	18	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
1-May	36	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
3-May	19	SPCA Cincinnati
7-May	26	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
9-May	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
9-May	3	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
15-May	36	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
16-May	27	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
16-May	24	Atlanta Humane Society
20-May	14	SPCA Cincinnati
28-May	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
28-May	3	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
29-May	19	SPCA Cincinnati
3-Jun	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
10-Jun	28	Harbor Humane Society (West Olive MI)
13-Jun	16	SPCA Cincinnati
17-Jun	20	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
17-Jun	3	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
5-Jul	12	SPCA Cincinnati
12-Jul	4	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
12-Jul	13	Second Chance Rescue, Whitestone NY
17-Jul	38	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
25-Jul	19	Atlanta Humane Society
26-Jul	15	SPCA Cincinnati
29-Jul	4	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
29-Jul	21	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
7-Aug	13	SPCA Cincinnati
7-Aug	31	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
3-Sep	4	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)
3-Sep	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
3-Sep	17	Harbor Humane Society (West Olive MI)
5-Sep	16	Atlanta Humane Society
16-Sep	17	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
25-Sep	31	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
3-Oct	16	Bideawee (Wantagh NY)
3-Oct	2	Voorhees Animal Orphanage (Voorhees Township NJ)

3-Oct	9	Main Line Animal Rescue, Cheddar Springs PA
9-Oct	25	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
16-Oct	31	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)
29-Oct	27	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
12-Nov	15	Harbor Humane Society (West Olive MI)
19-Nov	16	Atlanta Humane Society
11-Dec	46	Greenville Humane Society (Greenville SC)
13-Dec	10	SPCA Cincinnati
18-Dec	32	Wisconsin Humane Society (Milwaukee WI)

APPENDIX

Pictures of Transported Animals

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