

44 Dogs from Hall County To Be Transported To N.Y. Adoption Event

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Forty-four dogs will be leaving the Hall County Animal Shelter Thursday morning to find loving homes at an adoption event in New York.

The dogs will be taken to the "Best Friends Pet Super Adoption" event in White Plains, N.Y. as part of the Hall County Animal Shelter's Transport Program. The program provides a way for homeless animals in Hall County to be transported to areas of the country (usually New England) where there is a shortage of adoptable animals. This will be the sixth trip for the transport program, which usually makes between three and four trips each year. The 44 dogs transported from Hall County will be among more than 700 pets that will be up for adoption during the weekend event, hosted by the Best Friends Animal Society.

All of the dogs being transported to New York have been quarantined for two weeks prior to the trip. They have also had a thorough medical examination, received their vaccinations and have been tested for various diseases. This ensures a healthy adoption experience for all involved.

The newly-formed Hall County Animal Shelter Volunteer Advisory Board has also been involved in preparing the pets for transport. Members of the group helped bathe the dogs Wednesday afternoon. The advisory board, which is made up of six longtime shelter volunteers, is charged with organizing volunteer and donor efforts for the shelter.

The Hall County Animal Shelter is located at 1688 Barber Road in Gainesville. Shelter hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The adoption fee is \$85 and covers the cost of spaying/neutering, microchipping, vaccinations, de-worming and a combination test for cats. For more information about the Hall County Animal Shelter, log on to hallcounty.org.