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Hugging Pups, Kala and Keira, Rescued Together Now in a Temporary Foster Home - Hoping for Adoption

ATLANTA – Kala and Keira, the hugging pups, photographed by Etowah Valley Humane Society just before being rescued from being euthanized at a Georgia rural shelter by Angels Among Us Pet Rescue, Inc. (Angels Rescue) on Monday, July 20th have become quite famous. *“That photo prompted us to rescue both pups together,”* said Marla Olcott, a founding core member with Angels Rescue.

Kala, an 8-month old hound mix and Keira, a 1-year old boxer mix, are still playing together at the Angels Rescue foster home of Cris Folchitto. While they will need to be spayed and micro-chipped, Kala and Keira are relatively healthy, according Angels Rescue partner veterinarian, Chattahoochee Animal Hospital. *“They have bonded,”* said Cris Folchitto. *“So, they may want to find a permanent home together.”* Safe in Angels Rescue foster program, these two pups are in search of a permanent adoptive home.

Angels Rescue posted the before and after rescue photos of the pair hugging on Facebook. The post went viral, shared more than 12,000 times even crashing the AngelsRescue.org website. The additional public attention has produced donations beyond the needs of just Kala and Keira. Angels Rescue spends over \$180,000 per month on veterinary expenses alone. *“We can use the funds as well as the flood of adoption applications,”* Olcott said.

Since 2009, Angels Among Us Pet Rescue, Inc. a 501(c)(3) organization has rescued over 8800 dogs and cats from high-kill shelters in the state of Georgia. The organization relies on individual donations spawned by social media, which started with a few hundred fans. The average donation is \$20 but with over 700,000 fans on Facebook, Angels Rescue has been able to rescue over 2000 animals just this year.

In fact, the organization is now the largest volunteer-led foster-based pet rescue in the Southeastern U.S. Currently there are 452 active fosters who parent the 800 or more dogs and cats currently in the program. *“The need to rescue pets from high kill shelters in Georgia is huge,”* Olcott explained. *“We can save more lives as long as we have foster homes and funding for their care.”*

Kala and Keira are looking for their forever home now that Angels Rescue has a temporary foster home. ‘Rescue One Until There Are None’ is the organization’s motto. To learn more about how you can help donate, foster or adopt an angel like Kala or Keira, go to www.AngelsRescue.org.

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