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### **Hugging Pups, Kala and Keira, are ADOPTED Georgia residents, Wendy and Pam, adopted both dogs together**

ATLANTA – “I picked up the *People* magazine last week, after following the story on the hugging dogs, and knew I just had to call,” said Pam. Longtime friends and roommates, Wendy and Pam, have officially adopted the famous hugging dogs, Kala and Keira, from Angels Among Us Pet Rescue (Angels Rescue).

It was Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> when Angels Rescue posted the Etowah Valley Humane Society photo of Kala hugging Keira with a plea to the public to help just hours before they were to be euthanized. The photo and story went viral reaching media outlets worldwide, even crashing the non-profit’s website AngelsRescue.org. Angels Rescue volunteer, Cris Folchitto, stepped forward offering to foster while the public provided donations to help fund the rescue of the Hugging Pups but the adoption applications stalled. “Amazingly, even with all the publicity this summer, we had very few qualified adoption applications,” explained Cris Folchitto. “But this is a great fit.”

Pam had recently lost her two elderly dogs when she saw the *People magazine* story and realized the hugging pups were still available. “It just fell together,” Pam explained. “We turned our tears into smiles with these two young, playful dogs.”

Kala, an 11-month old hound mix and Keira, a 15-month old boxer mix, have finally found their permanent home. They are happily playing together with Kala following and hugging her best friend, Keira. In fact, Wendy says they are working on a special Facebook Page that will keep folks engaged with Hugging Dogs and hopefully raise additional money to help Angels Rescue save other dogs in Georgia’s high kill shelters.

Since 2009, Angels Among Us Pet Rescue, Inc. a 501(c)(3) organization has rescued more than 9000 dogs and cats from high-kill shelters in the state of Georgia. The organization does not operate a physical shelter or facility. In fact, Angels Rescue is now the largest volunteer-led foster-based pet rescue in the Southeastern U.S. Currently there are 458 active fosters who parent the 700 or more dogs and cats currently in the program. Angels Rescue relies on donations, mostly through social media, to manage the enormous expenses associated with saving so many lives, many of whom come into the program with illness or injury that limit their chances at public adoption.

‘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](http://www.AngelsRescue.org).

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