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**Animal Rescue Outreach Effort Prevents Tiny Georgia Shelter from Having to Euthanize
Frigid Temps Prompt Shelter to Issue Urgent Plea for Help**

ALPHARETTA, GA, JANUARY 11, 2016: Angels Among Us Pet Rescue, Inc. (Angels Rescue), based in the Atlanta area, sent a volunteer caravan today to rescue 20 dogs and cats from Fitzgerald Animal Control in Fitzgerald, Georgia. While Angels Rescue is well-known for its lifesaving efforts, today's mission marks the largest single-day operation for the organization thus far in 2016. Because so many lives were saved, the shelter no longer faces an immediate need to euthanize many highly adoptable pets due to a lack of space.

AAU volunteers Alexandria Mayfield, Leigh Hodes, and Becky Henson drove more than ten hours in one day to pull the dogs and cats to safety. Arriving at animal control early this morning, team members stayed on site for more than four hours, visiting with the animals and shelter staff.



Fitzgerald Animal Control is a small shelter in rural Georgia that does not have the capacity to handle large multitudes of dogs and cats. The shelter has limited visibility and relies heavily upon rescues like Angels Rescue to help them.

Chessie Sherrod, animal care assistant at Fitzgerald AC said, "We always try our very best to save the animals, but we can't save them all. By Angels Among Us coming into our shelter today and saving so many lives, that will enable us to save more, do more, and provide more help to the animals we have here now."

In addition to encouraging the public to please visit the shelter to adopt one of the animals there, Fitzgerald Animal Control would also like to ask for donations of hay and dog houses for animals that are located in outdoor runs. The facility is located at 106 Lions Park Road, Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750.

When asked about today's operation, founding angel **Lisa Zambacca** commented, "We first began working with this shelter about a year ago. They have our utmost respect for all they do with very limited resources. We have given Chessie and her staff every confidence that the dogs and cats pulled to safety today by our rescue will all receive top-notch medical care and will go on to find amazing homes. Each animal already has a foster home ready and waiting, and we can't wait to welcome them personally at the vet as they arrive shortly. These are adorable, highly adoptable dogs and cats!"

Several of the dogs who have been rescued are dealing with multiple health issues, including life-threatening heartworm disease. Anyone who would like to donate to help offset their medical bills can do so online at www.angelsrescue.org/donatenow.

Angels Among Us Pet Rescue is a 501c3 non-profit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to the rescue of dogs and cats from high-kill shelters in Georgia operating through a network of foster homes in the vast Atlanta Metro area. The organization has saved nearly 10,000 pets since being established in 2009. With more than 350 fosters, all of these animals will be in personal foster homes since AAUPR does not operate a physical shelter or office. To learn how you can donate to today's operation or foster an angel pet, please log onto www.angelsrescue.org, or follow the group on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/angelsrescue>.