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The Gift of a Lifetime: 11 Dogs Airlifted Out of Harm's Way
Lucky Dogs Journeyed From Death Row to Safety

Wilton, CT – At Passage East Kennels in Wilton you can now hear the pitter patter of 11 very lucky dogs who arrived Saturday from Georgia where they had been on death row. Arriving through the generosity of members of Pilots N Paws, a volunteer pilot group which shuttles animals from areas of peril to areas of safety, the 11 fully vetted, family friendly dogs are to be part of TAILS' Puppy Palooza event to be held this weekend, December 11th & 12th.

"These animals were given the gift of life this season," Dorrie Harris TAILS President said. "There's no doubt about it – Pilots N Paws and Passage East made their rescue possible. Judging from how happy the dogs are now – I think they know it, too. The stars definitely aligned for these guys!," Harris said. TAILS sponsors the annual Puppy Palooza event, which has upwards of 100 puppies and small dogs, as a means to help place animals and to quantify the need for spaying and neutering pets: "Even allowing a pet to have one litter – and you find homes for all of the puppies or kittens – that's 5-8 fewer homes available for the animals in pounds and shelters – so those animals are killed. It does make a difference," Harris stated.

The eleven dogs were rescued from certain death by Colbert Veterinary Rescue, based out of Colbert, GA, where they were cared for, spayed/neutered and socialized. "The flight was a blessing – these dogs deserve a chance at life. They're all great dogs whose owners fell on hard times and abandoned them," said Dr. Gloria Andrews, Colbert's veterinarian.

The dogs will be available for adoption at TAILS Puppy Palooza event where they will join approximately 70 of their furry canine companions and 25 of their feline counterparts in a large scale adoption event. The event will run December 11th and 12th (10-5pm both days) at Best Friends, 528 Main Avenue, Norwalk.

The groups agreed that the best advice for people looking to adopt one of the Passage East – or another Puppy Palooza - dogs - is to review the information available on TAILS' website including the link to the dogs, fill out and submit an adoption application ahead of time. Having an approved application ahead of the event saves time and gets you invited to the offsite, pre event puppy/dog preview where you can finalize your adoption and spend the entire weekend with your newfound, furry family member. To access the application and information visit www.tailsct.org or call TAILS at (203)222-1992.

Passage East Kennels, family owned and operated since 1967, is a full service boarding and grooming facility with both indoor and outdoor runs and staff onsite 24 hours a day; the kennel is located on 3 acres at 499 Danbury Rd in Wilton. TAILS is an all-volunteer, Westport-based non profit animal welfare organization focused on ending the pet overpopulation problem through spaying and neutering. The event, in addition to Colbert Veterinary Rescue, will include animals from Bully Breed Rescue, Cat Coalition, Operation Spay, Save Our Strays and more. The adoption fee for Colbert's puppies and dogs will be \$325 which includes microchip, a free month of pet insurance, spay/neuter, age appropriate shots & care including: rabies, distemper combo, heartworm test, canine influenza and deworming.

For more information on adopting or to volunteer at the event TAILS can be reached via email at info@tailsct.org or at (203)222-1992.