In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, St. Hubert’s mobilized its Sister Shelter WayStation program, welcoming the first flight of animals out of devastated Texas areas to the Northeast. On the night of August 29, St. Hubert’s staff along with several of our destination shelter partners, eagerly awaited the first plane full of animals at the Morristown Municipal Airport. We applauded, in tears, as the flight safely landed and rolled into the hanger with 60 beautiful dogs on board, including Rosco, the first pup to step foot off the plane and be welcomed with open arms by St. Hubert’s President/CEO, Heather Cammisa.

The dogs flown to New Jersey on this lifesaving transport were already homeless in shelters prior to the storm. By taking these canines, we helped Texas shelters make room for pets displaced by the hurricane. Once the dogs unloaded the plane, they were split among St. Hubert’s and our partner shelters, each ready to get a good night’s sleep and start life anew.

Our outreach continued to Irma impacted communities in Florida and South Carolina. St. Hubert’s is proud to be a part of a national network of designated emergency placement partners with national organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the ASPCA and is called upon in response to natural and man-made emergencies to accept animals and/or deploy experienced staff to sites around the country.

We received an overwhelming response from our generous supporters near and far. Our phones and lobbies were flooded with people looking to adopt, foster and donate supplies and funds to continue our relief work. We are deeply grateful to those who contributed to our efforts, allowing us to help as many animals as possible.

The power of St. Hubert’s WayStation is there every week for overcrowded shelters in the south and for communities near and far in times of crisis. To learn more about our efforts and for up-to-date information, visit sthuberts.org/blog.
Dear Friends,

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The Hurricane response and poodle rescue are examples of how our community of caring stepped up to the plate when funding was needed most. With this support, we were able to give these animals the care they needed. Giving comes in many forms, and at St. Hubert's we are dedicated to giving back to our community by serving local youth and teaching lessons of compassion that ultimately strengthen the human-animal bond. Our Humane Education programs reach over 3,000 children per year through our summer Kids’ Critter Camp, year-round school visits and programs for at-risk youth. We are continuing our partnership for the fourth year with DayTop NJ, a residential and out-patient facility for adolescents struggling with substance abuse and behavioral issues, for our Teen Animal Welfare Enrichment Program. This week-long workshop aims to help transform these teens into compassionate, motivated, adults by way of learning positive dog training techniques, bonding with their “project” shelter dog and giving back to the community by participating in our Pet Food Bank program.

The canine WayStation, a program that holds a deep meaning for me, our staff and all involved, also gives back by supporting source shelters in need. Our Hands-Up Animal Welfare Fund, created in partnership with PetSmart Charities, is an efficient, strategic hub-and-spoke transport system through which over 4,000 dogs and puppies have already been saved since August of 2016. This initiative has gone international and we welcome the Toronto Humane Society to the network. To learn more about the WayStation and how to help, visit shuberts.org or call 973.377.7094.

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Oodles of Precious Poodles

Earlier this year St. Hubert’s responded to a call from New Jersey Humane Society in West New York regarding 25 poodles found in deplorable conditions and in need of urgent care. Staff immediately sprang into action, stock- ing our transport vehicle, The Zephyr, full of supplies and preparing kennel runs at our Madison Shelter for their arrival. The poodles were nervous, but friendly. Many needed to be shaved instantly to relieve pain, have dental procedures to clean and extract decaying teeth and be treated for ear infections and urine burn. With the help of volunteer groomers and veterinary professionals, we were able to free them from the severely matted fur that encased them and ready them for life anew. Just a few days after their rescue, many of the poodles were placed for adoption and found loving homes.

We quickly realized that one of the precious poodles was pregnant upon arriving at St. Hubert’s. A dedicated foster volunteer welcomed mom Violet into her home and 4 healthy poodle puppies were born. All have been adopted and will know nothing but love for years to come.

Sweetie, now known as Sodapop, is enjoying his new life with mom Sandra. “Adopting Sodapop has made our family complete. We love him so much and can’t picture our lives without him!” We are so happy to have facilitated these transformations and see these deserving poodles live a life free of pain and fear.

St. Hubert’s community of supporters are the reason we are able to respond to large-scale rescues at a moment’s notice. We know that friends like you will step up, allowing us to help animals when they need it most.

#TEAMCORNFLAKE

Meet Cornflake, a special needs kitten who has beaten all the odds. This adorable baby came to us from one of our NJ Sister Shelters earlier this year. Upon arrival we knew she needed medical attention and our staff took immediate action. She was lethargic, had a severe Upper Respiratory Infection and a double eye infection. We quickly noticed she wasn’t as coordinated as other kittens her age. One of our medical team staff members quickly fell in love with this fragile little kitten, dubbed her Cornflake and became her dedicated foster mom. Our veterinarian diagnosed her with Congenital Hypothyroidism, a condition that most kittens her age do not survive. An effective treatment plan and a lot of love has helped her start growing at a normal rate and feel like a healthy, young kitten. With your generous support we can continue to welcome animals like Cornflake, in need of extra special medical attention, and give them the best possible opportunity for a long, happy life. Thank you for caring! Visit sthuberts.org/cornflake to view updates on her progress and to join #TEAMCORNFLAKE.