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PETA RESCUE TEAM ARRIVES IN RICHMOND WITH 32 CANINE SURVIVORS OF KATRINA

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Members of one of PETA's Hurricane Katrina animal rescue teams will be stopping in Richmond Monday, September 19 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon to walk and rest 32 dogs rescued from the flood-ravaged city of New Orleans before finishing their drive to PETA's headquarters in Norfolk. PETA staff members Jason Baker, Hayden Fowler, and Linda Tyrrell are bringing the animals to Hampton Roads because both the permanent and temporary shelters set up in New Orleans are overwhelmed, the animals are extremely scared and stressed, and there aren't enough people on the ground in New Orleans and surrounding areas to provide the care that the animals desperately need.

The 32 dogs—who have all been microchipped for tracking and identification purposes—have all had preliminary veterinary exams and will be placed in temporary foster care. PETA staff will be in constant contact with volunteers in New Orleans in order to try to reunite the animals with their families. PETA is hoping that unclaimed dogs—who run the gamut from purebreds to mutts—will find good homes in Hampton Roads.

"It is still like a war zone down there—the jungle heat, no water or food, total destruction everywhere you turn," says PETA Director Jason Baker. "But we're holding out hope that the folks in Hampton Roads will open their hearts and their homes to these little dogs, who have endured a nightmare that no one on Earth should ever have to experience."

Members of the media are invited to cover the arrival of the 32 rescued dogs in Richmond, which will take place at Jefferson Hill Park, 21st and East Marshall Street, Richmond.

PETA will inform all recipients of this news advisory of the rescue team's exact time of arrival closer to the time.

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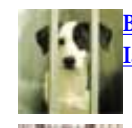
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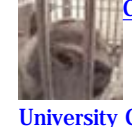
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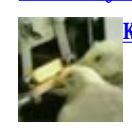
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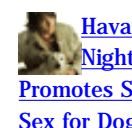
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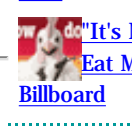
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