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**Dubuque Regional Humane Society  
HELPING ANIMALS NEAR AND FAR**

**DUBUQUE, IOWA September 11, 2017** – The Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS) has recruited and sent four people to South Carolina to help the ASPCA with the displaced animals from shelters that were evacuated ahead of Hurricane Irma. Amanda Schaffer, Shelter Lead at the DRHS, accompanied three volunteers to help these animals with their daily care and needs. The three volunteers are certified pet handlers with the DRHS: Bob Merrick, Karla Wildberger, and Kylie Maas.

Tails at Twilight Gala, fundraiser, is approaching this Thursday evening, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Grand River Center. We invite the media to dinner and to the presentation. First we will have an adopter, whose animals came from Maury County Tennessee, share their experience adopting an animal into their home and how it has affected their lives. Two volunteers from the Maury County Shelter will then speak about how Dubuque has impacted their communities and their animals' lives. (Check-in is from 5:30 to 6:30pm and the dinner and presentation is at 7PM.

**ASPCA Assists Agencies throughout South Carolina, Florida with Pre-Evacuation Efforts in Anticipation of Hurricane Irma:** <https://www.aspc.org/about-us/press-releases/aspc-assists-agencies-throughout-south-carolina-florida-pre-evacuation>

**ASPCA Photos (S.C. Emergency Shelter):**  
<https://aspc.widencollective.com/dam/externalorderpickup/1366a412-dea8-44c9-88a6-763863fbecc4>

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