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Cat Depot Photos of Kitten Arrival (Credit/Cat Depot)
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ASPCA Photos from St. Croix (Credit/ASPCA):
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Cat Depot Receives 9 Homeless Kittens Impacted by Hurricane Maria from ASPCA Emergency Shelter in St. Croix

Cloud Nine Rescue Flights transports 56 animals from ASPCA emergency shelter to Florida and New York rescue groups; homeless animals to be made available for adoption

Sarasota, Fla. - At the request of the [ASPCA](#)® (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®), the Cat Depot received nine (9) homeless kittens displaced by Hurricane Maria in St. Croix on Saturday, November 11, 2017. The ASPCA collaborated with Cloud Nine Rescue Flights to help transport homeless animals displaced by the catastrophic storm with animal shelters in Florida and New York where they will be made available for adoption.

The animals were cared for by ASPCA responders at its emergency shelter and were transported by Cloud Nine Rescue Flights on November 11 and 12 with funding provided by the ASPCA. A total of 56 homeless cats and dogs were relocated and placed with four animal shelters in Florida and New York, including [Cat Depot](#), [Humane Society of Broward County](#), [Halifax Humane Society](#), and the ASPCA Adoption Center in New York City.

“Relocating homeless animals out of communities impacted by natural disasters is a critical aspect of emergency response efforts because it allows first responders to focus on assisting owned pets and animals in need of immediate medical care,” said **Jessica Rushin, partnerships senior manager for ASPCA Field Investigations & Response**. “The ASPCA is pleased to work with Cloud Nine Rescue Flights and response partners on this life-saving effort to transport animals displaced by Hurricane Maria from St. Croix to the dedicated shelters and rescue groups like Cat Depot where they will have a second chance to find safe and loving homes.”

Since late September, dozens of ASPCA responders have been working around the clock conducting field rescues and managing an emergency shelter in St. Croix. In addition, approximately 17,000 animals impacted by Hurricane Maria have been assisted by the ASPCA through the distribution of critical pet supplies.

For more information on when these animals will be made available for adoption at Cat Depot, please email info@catdepot.org.

About Cat Depot

Cat Depot, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) limited-access, free-roaming facility, is recognized for its progressive design and commitment to helping homeless, abandoned and injured animals. Cat Depot’s mission is to save lives, find loving homes, and provide the resources and education needed to improve the destiny of homeless cats. Cat Depot supports more than 130 cats and kittens on any given day. Open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Handicap accessible. Cat Depot is located at 2542 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234. For more information, visit www.catdepot.org, or call (941) 366-2404.

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