

Helping Little Dogs, To Canada With Love

On Tuesday July 20th, 11 dogs from California animal shelters will board a plane to Calgary, Alberta for a new life in Canada.

DeAnn Turner, Lesley Bloomer, Jennifer Boydston and Jill Freeland met as volunteers for DAWG (Dog Adoption Welfare Group) in Santa Barbara. They combined resources to transport small dogs from high-density, high-kill shelters in the Los Angeles area to Calgary where there is a shortage of small, adoptable dogs.

Turner formed a relationship with Rory O'Neill, founder of Rocky Mountain Animal Rescue in Canada, where qualified adopters eagerly await the arrival of their petite new pets.

"To coin a well-worn phrase, it definitely takes a village." said Bloomer. Bloomer coordinates with shelter volunteers in Carson and Camarillo to select appropriate, highly adoptable, small mixed-breed dogs for the program. The dogs are then transported to DAWG's Veterinary Center in Santa Barbara where they obtain the necessary health care and certificates for travel. Freedland ensures they are placed in loving foster homes in Santa Barbara while they await their journey to Canada. Boydston, an Alaska Airlines flight attendant, facilitates their flight to Calgary where they will be met by O'Neill from Rocky Mountain Animal Rescue and enjoy the rest of their lives in Canada.

"We are hopeful that this will be the first of many trips to Canada, and we can help many sweet and friendly dogs whose lives would normally end in an overcrowded shelter." said Turner.

DAWG is a no-kill shelter located at 5480 Overpass Road and is a 501-C3 not for profit corporation.

Shorty, a one year old, 8 lb. Chihuahua-Mix from an L.A. shelter awaits transport to his new home in Canada.

For more information or help to support "To Canada With Love" program,

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