

## \*\*\* THE VANDERPUMP DOG FOUNDATION TAKES IN HURRICANE HARVEY DOGS\*\*\*

**December 11 2017** - On December 9th, 2017, the Vanderpump Dog Foundation partnered with the Lucy Pet Foundation to help rescue and house dogs that were affected by Hurricane Harvey earlier the year.

Nearly 30 dogs were being housed in an abandoned grocery store that had flooded during the storm that was then turned into a temporary shelter. The dogs were in desperate need of placement and housing as the temporary shelters in the region began closing their doors on December 7, leaving many of these dogs with the risk of being euthanatized.

Executive Director of the Vanderpump Dog Foundation, Dr. John Sessa and "Vanderpump Rescuer of the Year", Lora Drammis traveled to John Wayne Airport in Orange Country in the Vanderpump Dogs Rescue Van to meet the plane full of dogs, chartered by the Lucy Pet Foundation with help from other organizations.

"After natural disasters there is generally an influx of help and aid; however, it is in the months and years after that makes a lasting impact. This is why the Vanderpump Dog Foundation is continuing to assist in Hurricane Harvey relief in collaboration with the Lucy Pet Foundation to make a lasting, positive difference." said Dr. John Sessa.

Six of these dogs are currently available for adoption at the Vanderpump Dog Rescue Center at 8134. W. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90048. The center is open to the public 10AM-7PM Monday-Saturday and 10AM-5PM Sunday.

For more information on The Vanderpump Dog Foundation visit their website www.vanderpumpdogs.org

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## ABOUT THE VANDERPUMP DOG FOUNDATION

The Vanderpump Dog Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit dog rescue organization, working on both a domestic and international front to help create a better world for dogs globally. Founders Lisa Vanderpump & Ken Todd began the long journey towards trying to stop the barbaric torture practices at the Yulin Dog Meat Festival and end the dog meat trade in Asia, in 2015. Together with their partner Dr. John Sessa, they launched the campaign Stop Yulin Forever, which ultimately led them to create The Vanderpump Dog Foundation. The movement gained momentum and has inspired activists all over the world to work towards ending the Yulin Dog Meat Festival and encourage more humane treatment for dogs worldwide. The Vanderpump Dog Foundation was formed to not only aid in ending this international atrocity, but to also better the lives of dogs domestically. The United States faces many problems of its own including dog overpopulation, abuse, neglect and lack of education with regards to spaying and neutering pets. With the opening of their new Vanderpump Dog Rescue Center in LA, The Vanderpump Dog Foundation aims to reduce these problems within California and beyond, as well as continue their national and international campaigns built on a platform of education, legislation, and activism.

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