

## Chicago Group Helps Pets Rescued From



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(CBS) CHICAGO Men, women and children were not the only hurricane victims forced to flee the flooded delta. A Chicago animal group is helping pets rescued after Hurricane Katrina.

A ground-breaking for a new North Side facility will allow the no-kill shelter, PAWS Chicago to better care for animals needing adoption.

And as CBS 2's Suzanne Le Mignot shows us, the shelter has an important mission right now: find loving families for 90 animals rescued from the storm.

One puppy, a Border Collie-mix, is getting a second chance at life. Not much is known about him. He doesn't have a name now, just a number. He came from an area ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. His broken right leg quivers as he gets an exam.

He's just one of about 90 dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, rescued by PAWS Chicago.

"We sent five vans down with volunteers and staff," said Paula Fasseas with PAWS Chicago.

Alexis Fasseas was among the volunteers who brought the dogs and cats to Chicago.

"Seeing these animals in desperate need and knowing the origins of this horrible hurricane and the natural disaster we were all dealing with as a nation, it was just amazing being able to actually contribute and save a few lives in the process," Alexis Fasseas said.

Once in Chicago, virtually each dog was quiet. It's obvious they've been traumatized. These dogs are displaced now, like their former owners. Sadly, their loved ones had to give them up after the hurricane.

"They came in, in very bad condition. They were full of fleas, they'd never had vaccinations many of them. So we need to care for them, we're spaying and neutering them as we speak, and we're getting them ready with rabies and all the inoculations, fecal tests, everything they need so they will be ready to go into a home and safe and healthy," Paula Fasseas said.

The dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be ready for adoption by Monday. To find out how you can give one of those animals a new home, visit [pawschicago.org](http://pawschicago.org)