



# News Release

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## **Noah's Ark Becomes Shelter for 13 Pets After Kentucky Flood**

LEDGEWOOD, N.J., July 27, 2010 – On Saturday, July 24, Noah's Ark lived up to its name, becoming home for 13 dogs relocated from a shelter affected by flooding in Pikeville, Kentucky. The dogs were placed at Noah's Ark Animal Welfare Association in Ledgewood after the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) provided emergency transportation and placement of animals from the Pike County Animal Shelter in Kentucky.

"All of the animals were happy and sweet after they arrived at Noah's Ark," said Lauren Swern, Development Director at Noah's Ark. "We're currently looking for homes for these dogs and hope their arrival will bring good company to several families in New Jersey."

The dogs relocated from Kentucky to Noah's Ark include: Sam Merlotte (male Spitz mix), Tara (female Sheppard mix), Bill Compton (male Corgi mix), Sookie (female Retriever mix), Miss (female English Setter), Breezy (female Beagle mix), Cheetos (male Corgi mix), Briane (female Labrador mix), Peaches and Schontelle (both female Hound mixes), Pierre (male Border Collie), and Reggie (male Beagle).

In addition to helping with the Kentucky shelter, Noah's Ark also worked with the ASPCA in an intervention in Elks County, PA. A black and tan male Chihuahua named Lucky came to Noah's Ark as a result of this intervention. Lucky is currently on the mend from an upper respiratory infection but will be ready to adopt in about two weeks.

Along with Lucky, were Ray Ray, a gray five-year-old FIV positive cat, and Marbles, a two-year-old black and white FIV positive cat. Cats with FIV, or Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, have severely weakened immune systems and are susceptible to various secondary infections. However, if they receive appropriate medical care and are kept in a stress-free, indoor environment cats who are infected by FIV can live relatively comfortable lives for months to years before the disease reaches its chronic stages. They are not contagious to people or dogs but should be the only cat in the home. Both Ray Ray and Marbles are currently under medical treatment for severe URI and ear infection but will soon be up for adoption.

If you are interested in adopting any of these animals, please contact Noah's Ark at (973) 347-4499.

**About Noah's Ark:** *Noah's Ark has been serving the community since 1966. We provide a variety of human services for companion animals. Noah's Ark is a limited-admission shelter, and we operate under an "adoption-focused" philosophy, meaning no adoptable animal is ever euthanized because of breed, age, space requirements or a treatable condition. We go above and beyond for the animals at our facility and aim to educate the public in responsible animal care. Noah's Ark is guided by the belief in the dignity of animals and the importance of the human-animal bond.*

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