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PROJECT FLYING CHIHUAHUAS AIRBORNE AGAIN!

PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009, 3:00 PM AT NORTHEAST VALLEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER, 15321 BRAND BLVD., MISSION HILLS, CA 91345.

Los Angeles –Angels love to fly and 20 more Chihuahua angels will be winging their way to the East Coast on December 18, 2009 courtesy of Rescuer Laurel Kinder, The Heigl Foundation, and LA Animal Services.

On December 2, 2009, 25 Chihuahuas boarded an American Airlines Flight and quickly found new homes in New Hampshire. The maiden flight program was so successful that a second batch of 40 Chihuahuas are now ready to receive their boarding pass to the New England State.

Laurel Kinder, Kinder4Rescue (<u>http://www.projectflyingchihuahuas.org</u>), founded this program and has successfully obtained sufficient funding to fly a second batch of these cute little dogs for a one way journey to a New Hampshire Humane Society where they will find warm, loving homes. "My passion has always been focused on finding a solution to the thousands of Chihuahuas that get funneled into LA shelters," stated Ms. Kinder, a rescuer for more than 15 years. "We are grateful to Actress Katherine Heigl for her compassionate donation to fund their flight and change their plight. We hope other charitable foundations will step forward to help support this humane endeavor."

Kathy Davis, LA Animal Services remarked, "Through her perseverance and compassionate ingenuity, Laurel Kinder has found an amazing way of putting wings on our little angel dogs. We are ecstatic about this unique program and commend Ms. Kinder for her hard work in founding and implementing the program."

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