

Rescued Hens Jetting in Style ***1,150 rescued hens flying from California to New York in private jet***

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1,150 hens are flying in style from Animal Place sanctuary in California to New York for permanent placement. This is the first time in history a private plane has been chartered to fly hens from coast to coast. The hens are part of a group of 3,000 Animal Place saved from gassing at a California egg farm. A private donor stepped up to foot the bill allowing Animal Place to fly the hens in a private jet.

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary has joined Animal Place and nine other sanctuaries in this incredible effort to fly 1,150 hens from California to New York. Happy Trails will be taking in 250 hens at our sanctuary.

“This is the first time adult birds have ever been flown across the country,” says Kim Sturla, Executive Director. “A generous donor offered to fly the hens across the country and we jumped at the opportunity.”

Happy Trails Executive Director, Annette Fisher, states: “We are thrilled to be included in this rescue and to work in cooperation with so many well-respected and caring sanctuaries across the United States. I believe that many of our current adopters as well as new homes will step forward to adopt many of these precious hens. Anyone interested in adopting or donating toward their care can contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914 or via email at annette@happytrailsfarm.org.”

The 2-yr-old white leghorns are from a battery cage egg farm. Hens lived in cages so small they couldn't stretch their wings. When they were 8-days-old, the hens had a portion of their beaks cut off without pain relief to prevent fighting in cages.

The hens will be carefully loaded at Animal Place's two facilities in Grass Valley and Vacaville, then trucked to the Hayward Executive Airport for a 6:45 pm departure. They will be arriving to New York around 7 am on the 5th.

Nine sanctuaries and shelters will be taking in the 1,150 hens, adopting them out or keeping them permanently at their refuges. The remaining 1,850 are available for adoption through Animal Place in California. Those interested in adopting can visit www.animalplace.org.

“These hens have been through so much,” says Jamie London, Animal Care Director, who will be accompanying the hens on their flight to New York, “And like dogs saved from puppy mills, these hens have been liberated and will enjoy the rest of their lives in peace.”

Sanctuaries and Shelters Involved

Animal Place (rescued 3,000 hens from gassing, coordinated flight of 1,150 hens to east coast)
(California)
Farm Sanctuary (New York)

Catskill Animal Sanctuary (New York)
Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary (New York)
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary (Ohio)
UPC – United Poultry Concerns (Florida)
SASHA
Lollypop Farm, Humane Society of Greater Rochester
VINE Sanctuary (Vermont)
Heartland Farm Animal Sanctuary
Coming Home Animal Sanctuary

About the Flight

Departure: September 4, 2013 at 6:45 pm out of the Hayward Executive Airport in Hayward, CA
Arrival: September 5, 2013 at 6:55 am at Elmira Corning Regional Airport

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