



# Woman Who Rescued 27 Cats and Dogs During Hurricane Florence Is Arrested for Practicing Veterinary Medicine Without a License

Wayne County, North Carolina: Tammie Hedges founded Crazy's Claws N Paws animal rescue and recruited volunteers to help her save 27 cats and dogs that had been left behind in the rising flood waters during Hurricane Florence. She converted a warehouse into a temporary shelter and gave several sick animals amoxicillin and used a topical antibiotic ointment on others. She also sought a donation of Tramadol, a painkiller used for dogs and cats. Hedges was arrested and charged with twelve counts of practicing veterinary medicine without a license and one count of soliciting a controlled substance. [Collectivism at its finest.] -GEG

The Good Samaritan who rescued 27 cats and dogs during Hurricane Florence has been arrested for illegally practicing veterinary medicine.

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[animals.](#)

Wayne County Animal Services manager Frank Sauls took the animals and told Hedges she didn't register the warehouse as a shelter. At the time, he told the Goldsboro News-Argus: "If we didn't feel like anything was being done wrong, we would not have taken [the animals]," and that it was now "for the courts to decide."

Even though Hedges gave up the animals, she was arrested and charged with 12 counts of practicing veterinary medicine without a license and a single count of soliciting a schedule IV controlled substance, [according to the News-Argus](#). She was released on a \$10,000 secured bond.

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