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ST. LOUIS CARDINALS' MOVE LEADS "BIRDIE" TO NEW HOME *United Van Lines agent rescues pregnant pup*

ST. LOUIS – As A-Mrazek driver Gary Sibernagle loaded up and moved the St. Louis Cardinals from spring training in Jupiter, Fla., back to St. Louis, he gained a travel companion along the way. The dog, named "Birdie" by the A-Mrazek team, joined Sibernagle in Atlanta and rode shotgun all the way to St. Louis.

A-Mrazek, a United Van Lines agent based in St. Louis, discovered that the dog was held at an Atlanta-based shelter that has a policy to euthanize pregnant females. They arranged for Sibernagle to rescue Birdie from Atlanta and transport her to St. Louis. From St. Louis, Heather Anderson, move coordinator for A-Mrazek, transported Birdie to a no-kill shelter in Indiana.

"Birdie was a great travel companion," said Sibernagle. "I'm glad that we are able to use our resources to help these animals who may not have another chance at life. I hope Birdie and her puppies are placed with loving families who will care for them."

Birdie isn't the first dog A-Mrazek has rescued. Several employees are actively involved with Echo Dogs White Shepherd Rescue, an organization that rescues neglected or abused dogs from death row in shelters, rehabilitates them in foster care and places them in new homes. Last year, two A-Mrazek employees transported a white shepherd dog and her nine puppies from Kansas to St. Louis, so they could receive routine veterinary care and be placed in foster homes.

"Everyone on the A-Mrazek team is passionate about providing neglected and abused dogs with new homes and better futures," said Jennifer Paule, director of quality and customer service at A-Mrazek. "We are proud of our employees, like Gary, who are willing to take time to rescue these animals in need."

About A-Mrazek Moving Systems

Founded in 1904, A-Mrazek Moving Systems, Inc., offers a full range of moving and storage services throughout the country and the world. The company has more than 45 employees, 25 household goods drivers, 13 special services drivers and five local performance crews. More information about A-Mrazek and its services can be found at www.a-mrazek.com.

About United Van Lines

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