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Time for some TLC at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

Comfort Dogs Arriving Soon at a Gate near You

BIRMINGHAM, AL (November 14, 2022) – BHM is bringing some TLC to travelers at the airport just in time for the busy holiday travel season. The airport team is launching a Comfort Dog program that will add a calm, loving touch to the travel experience.

Starting the week of Thanksgiving, the airport will send their new TLC volunteers – Traveler Loving Canines, out into the terminal to mix and mingle with visitors. The TLC teams are trained and certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs to offer comfort to travelers who are receptive to interacting with the animals. These animals are working dogs that can help in a variety of situations where stress and anxiety are present.

The media is invited to meet our Comfort Dog teams at a launch event:

Tuesday, November 15th, 11:00am
Airport Terminal – near the Event Room on the Departure level
*****Media parking provided on Departure level near the terminal**

The Comfort Dog program at BHM is starting small with 6 teams of volunteers. Once established, the airport will be actively recruiting other certified animals to join the TLC team.

Learn more about the therapy dog certification process by visiting the airport website: <https://www.flybirmingham.com/tlc-bhm/>. Certified teams can also find the airport application on the linked web page. For more information, contact Kim Hunt, Birmingham Airport Authority.

About Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

As Alabama's largest commercial airport, Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport has served as a gateway to the sky for 90 years. Governed by the Birmingham Airport Authority, the airport continues to be a catalyst for growth and economic development for the entire region. For more information, visit flybirmingham.com or follow BHM on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).