



MEDIA RELEASE



Charlotte - NC - On January 31, 2022, Charlotte Fire Department received a call for service for an animal rescue for two dogs stuck in a quarry at the Vulcan Materials Company located off Old Nations Ford Road in Charlotte, NC.

Charlotte Fire (CFD) called Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Animal Care & Control (AC&C) to assist on the call. It was determined at that time after much consideration that there was no safe way to rescue the dogs that were down approximately 170 feet on a ledge.

It was also confirmed with a drone that sadly one of the two dogs was deceased. The best plan was to bring in a crane with a bucket to be able to lower someone down. Vulcan Materials Company started working on plans to obtain a crane from Superior Cranes, Inc.

On Wednesday, February 2, 2022, the crane arrived and was assembled. CFD's Rescue 10 - B Shift, AC&C, Vulcan Materials Company and Superior Cranes, Inc gathered at 1:00 p.m. at the top of the quarry where the team of Paul Parks, Justin Ranson, and Brett Suhr, who are rescue specialist were lowered into the quarry by the crane operator. The CFD rescue team was able to catch the canine "Zeus", a white Husky/Pit Bull mix, leash him up and load him into the crane bucket. The bucket was brought up and as they approached the top of the quarry wall the dog's tail was wagging, very apparent that he was very happy to have been rescued.

Vulcan Materials Company would like to thank the Charlotte Fire Department, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Animal Care & Control and Superior Crane Company who supplied the crane to help get to the dog. It has been a real team effort that had two very important matters foremost in mind. One was the rescue of the dog and the other was performing the rescue in a manner that was mindful of everyone's safety. I would also like to thank our employees at Vulcan's Pineville Quarry and all of the folks who have called and expressed their concern. That includes everyone who dropped off snacks for the dog.

If the dog doesn't yet have a name, I might suggest "Rocky" or maybe "Lucky".

-Sean Hawley, Vice President and General Manager of Vulcan's North Carolina's Operations.

Zeus was loaded on an AC&C van and transported to an Emergency Animal Hospital to be checked out and reunited with his family. AC&C had been able to determine the owner of the dogs by doing some research on Facebook on a Charlotte lost pet page. The photos taken at the Quarry matched the lost dog post and the address that went missing from was in close proximity to the quarry. The family was very happy and grateful to be reunited with Zeus. They told us about him and showed us photos of him as a puppy. While sad about the loss of Bella, their other dog, they were thankful that Zeus was rescued. Zeus was examined and determined to be in good shape by the veterinarian and went home with his family.

Please email melissa.knicely@cmpd.org for link to video and photos.

