



*The need is real.  
The time is now.*

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**AKC PET DISASTER RELIEF**



# Let's help our pets



## During an evacuation

If a potentially catastrophic storm is approaching or there is a hazmat emergency, pet owners will be asked to leave their homes with little or no notice. Split-second decisions are made on what is most important to take with them: maybe their photos, but definitely their family and pets. **What plans are in place to accommodate pets in these situations?**



## When disaster strikes

Or without warning, a tornado, earthquake or explosion happens. The animals seen wandering and lost after disasters are not strays or abandoned, they are our pets. They are lost, scared, possibly injured and in need of help. **What will happen to our displaced animal companions?**



## We can help

Regardless of the size or budget of a community, the law now requires our local municipalities to care for their citizens and their pets in the event of a disaster. **AKC Pet Disaster Relief can enable Emergency Management to be prepared during and after a catastrophe.**

# Let's make a difference

## Together, we can make this happen.

Your support will help Emergency Management prepare for the worst and will:

- Enable local Emergency Management to provide animal care services during the critical hours following a federal disaster declaration... the time before FEMA support and services are deployed.
- Put an end to the post-disaster tragedies that often affect very normal families,

such as: putting themselves in harm's way to save a beloved pet, or even losing a family pet during a disaster.

- Allow Emergency Management organizations to be reimbursed up to 75 percent by the federal government for expenses incurred when caring for pets during and following a disaster.

## Help Mobilize AKC Pet Disaster Relief

AKC Reunite allocated \$250,000 over the next two years to assist fundraising efforts to donate trailers to local Emergency Management organizations throughout the country. In recognition of your financial support, your organization's approved logo can appear on the side of the trailer(s) you sponsor.



Image is for illustrative purposes only and does not necessarily represent final trailer design.

Logo placement is at the discretion of AKC Reunite. Logo must be approved by The American Kennel Club, in its sole discretion.

# Let's roll out help

## Better community preparedness = successful local disaster response

When three hurricanes hit one Florida county during a 6-week period, local Emergency Management organizations quickly organized pet shelters where more than 750 animals received shelter and care.



Trailer arrives at site



Hallways lined



Crates arranged



Shelter is ready!



*"I would have taken the chance with whatever happened and stayed at home with my pets before I would go to a shelter and leave them."*

Photos courtesy of North Carolina State Animal Response Team and Marion County Emergency Management. AKC Pet Disaster Relief will be outfitted with ventilated wire crates.

# Let's do this together

## Let's help roll out help

When local Emergency Management organizations receive AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers, they immediately will be able to provide shelter for animals during disasters. The trailers are stocked with essential, nonperishable necessities for sheltering pets.

The supplies in each trailer can be used to create a safe, temporary home-base for animals displaced because of a disaster.

- **Co-location Shelters:**  
A shelter that houses both humans and their animal companions. The people housed at the shelter are responsible for their animal's general care.
- **Lost and Found Pet Shelters:**  
Displaced animals are housed in what often becomes a pop-up reunion center as people and animals are reunited. Approved volunteers and shelter staff provide animal care.



*"I'm relieved, I don't care about the house, I don't care about anything else now. We're okay. We're all alive. We have our family, our dog, we're going to be okay."*



## **Whole Community Disaster Response**

The PETS Act, working in tandem with other legislation, puts municipalities at the forefront of disaster planning and mitigation. The laws require that state and local emergency preparedness plans address the needs of people with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

Now is the time to ensure local Emergency Management organizations have the plans in place to protect every member of our communities.

## **Benefits to Your Organization**

- Demonstrate your concern for all pets.
- Enhance emergency preparedness for pets.
- Garner positive visibility and support at the local and national level.

To learn more about AKC Pet Disaster Relief, please visit: **[www.akcreunite.org/relief](http://www.akcreunite.org/relief)**

To learn more about the Whole Community concept and requirements, please visit: **[www.fema.gov/whole-community](http://www.fema.gov/whole-community)**

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