



The need is real.

THE TIME IS NOW.

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 DO THIS TOGETHER

Let's help roll out help

Together, we can give AKC Pet Disaster Relief units to local Emergency Management organizations — enabling them 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.”

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Together, we can make this happen.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief is designed to help Emergency Management prepare for the worst and will:

- Enable you 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 your 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.



LET'S ROLL OUT HELP

Better community preparedness =
successful local disaster response

AKC Pet Disaster Relief is already making a difference. These trailers have been used to assist with apartment fire evacuations, California wild fires, flooding in North Carolina and numerous disaster preparedness/FEMA training exercises.



Fully stocked trailer
arrives at site



Hallways lined
(if inside)



Wire crates
arranged



Emergency pet
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."



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.

To learn more about **AKC Pet Disaster Relief**, please visit: www.akcreunite.org/relief

To learn more about the Whole Community concept and requirements, please visit: www.fema.gov/whole-community

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