

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Response Contributions and Rebuilding

A short list which is representative of what *Animal Relief Resource* collectively achieved either individually and with others. Overall, worked across 20+ states and 50+ groups.

The below list was primarily accomplished by Laurel Ley unless otherwise indicated; however, it was the synergies of working in collaboration with others which increased the outreach and impact:

Equipment and Pet Supplies

- ✂ Iridium donated 15 sat phones in the first week after Katrina Hit; the phones went to LA/SPCA
 - They were then deployed to Houston in anticipation of Rita
 - Then were disbursed to a range of locations including Arkansas with HSUS, Code3
- ✂ 75+ cell phones donated by Verizon Wireless, distributed across 15 different groups from small shelters to American Humane, UAN, Best Friends, LSU Vet Med School, Humane Society of South Mississippi, Ascension Parish Animal Control, Hearts United for Animals, etc
- ✂ Directly due to the ASPCA list we received from American Humane in the first two weeks, we were the first point of contact for help and supplies to many groups as well as coordinating ongoing supplies
 - This includes Plaquemines who had no supplies after the VMAT teams left and we coordinated Petco delivering two truckloads of supplies within 24 hours
- ✂ Helped many groups get the supplies they needed to get prepared for Rita (*this was achieved as led by and in conjunction with Tessa Pier*)
 - Coordinated 50 or so crates for Calcasieu Parish within a couple of hours of them needing them to fly animals out of the area
 - Worked with the Huntsville, Texas "animal shelter" that was put up spontaneously to get them anything to help, the night before the storm
 - Worked with a sanctuary with over 500 animals outside of Houston which had no support
- ✂ Coordinated ongoing donations from both PetSmart Charities and Petco/Petco Foundation to small groups, large groups, etc.
 - Petco donated to Humane Society of South Mississippi where they have no stores even
- ✂ Arranged for Science Diet to donate and send out needed prescription diet food
 - Sent to a number of local facilities as well as Humane Society of Louisiana and Pasados' facilities
- ✂ Personally purchased printer, spotlight flashlights and other materials for Richard Crook of the Winn-Dixie facility (*Richard now runs Best Friends' Rapid Response program*)

Vets / Vet Supplies

- ✂ In the first few weeks, coordinated vet and vet tech teams (*this was achieved by Tessa Pier*)
- ✂ Coordinated ongoing vet med donations from various companies, making sure that corporations realized the ongoing need
 - Arranged with Idexx to donate much needed heartworm tests
 - Coordinated Merial donations available but not widely known about from Petfinder Foundation
 - Arranged various donations with Intervet including with groups receiving animals
 - We're told that we were the only ones who got donated product from Bayer (*this was achieved by Tessa Pier*)
- ✂ Worked with AVID regarding microchip needs including scanners
- ✂ Coordinated volunteers for various groups from Humane Society of Louisiana to Best Friends Animal Society to Humane Society of South Mississippi

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Transportation

- ☞ Managed transportation for approximately 2,200 for Best Friends Animal Society's Celebration Station facility from 3 January to 3 March 2005
 - Developed a transportation system from scratch
 - Coordinated with all approved receiving groups which
- ☞ Co-coordinated an airlift from New Iberia to Santa Cruz SPCA
 - Partially funded by Doris Day Animal Foundation
- ☞ Personally transported animals
 - Amanda and Keith transported multiple animals from Galveston to various approved facilities
 - Laurel transported 11 animals from Gainesville Vet School to owners in the New Orleans area
 - Laurel transported 4 reunion bunnies for Best Friends Animal Society from Florida
 - Oversaw the transportation of one dog from Florida to Louisiana
 - Coordinated the transportation of multiple animals from Hammond Animal Control and Humane Society of South Mississippi to new homes in Florida
- ☞ Personally transported supplies
 - Amanda and Keith were a two-person transport team for some time
 - Laurel spent part of one trip in late-October 2005 transporting supplies, from Baton Rouge to Lafayette to Lake Charles and Vinton, and to Bogalusa
- ☞ Transported a donated 40-foot mobile office from Cody, Wyoming to Tara High and HSSM
 - This was promised to be taken care of by a national group, which never happened
 - Amanda and Keith drove; Laurel coordinated all efforts
- ☞ Handled transportation needs for individual animals as well as small groups

Donations / Funding

- ☞ Made suggestions to LSU Vet Med School for funding sources as they needed to raise \$30,000/mo to avoid retrenching the school's activities so far that they may not be able to recover
 - Laurel's suggestions resulted in \$60,000 from one source being secured plus monies from other sources
- ☞ Secured \$40,000 in donations from various sources to be used for transportation-related costs for a number of groups but eventually for the Best Friends' Celebration Station facility
- ☞ Suggested to Humane Society in South Mississippi (HSSM) various sources of funding
 - Secured needed funding to finish their spay/neuter clinic which was in development when Katrina hit
 - Resulted in radically increasing the programs , @&A~]] [! : c ^ a [& a [[~] •
- ☞ Miscellaneous funding
 - Pursued rebuilding funds for groups and/or directed them where to look
 - Helped groups cover expenses regardless of the numbers of animals they took in
 - Directed a group where to find funding which resulted in saving the lives of over 600+ animals

Debriefs

- ☞ Attended the following "post" meetings
 - LSU Vet Med School "debrief" -- only one of two non-LSU people invited
 - Baton Rouge State/APHIS meeting
 - Lafayette State/APHIS meeting

