

# Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) -

## How you can help animals impacted by Hurricane Harvey

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In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, many are looking for ways that they can help the people and animals affected. Here's how you can help during this urgent time:

### What you can do:

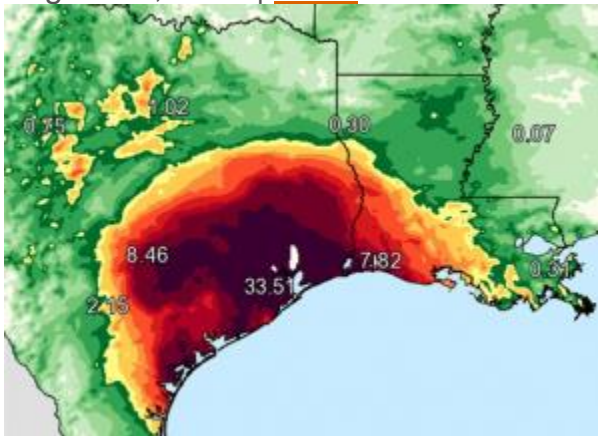
- The HSUS Animal Rescue Team is deployed in Texas, where we are working with local officials to transport, rescue and care for animals. [Your support is urgently needed](#): both so we can help during this emergency, and so we can be there at a moment's notice when future disasters strike.

[http://www.humanesociety.org/news/resources/facts/harvey\\_help.html?credit=web\\_hpfs2\\_082817?referrer=https://www.google.com/](http://www.humanesociety.org/news/resources/facts/harvey_help.html?credit=web_hpfs2_082817?referrer=https://www.google.com/)

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## Oregon Humane Society Travels to Texas to Help Pets Stranded by Hurricane Harvey

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NWS precipitation forecast for the area

affected by Harvey.

A disaster response team from OHS is deploying to help pets stranded by Hurricane Harvey. The team, consisting of four people—two staff members and two volunteers—is set to deploy to Texas this Wednesday. This is expected to be the first of multiple OHS teams traveling to Texas to provide assistance.

Team members, who are certified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and experienced in the day-to-day operation of emergency shelters, will be assisting with caring for animals at a facility located in the Houston area. The first team will work at this facility for seven days.

“Natural disasters of this scale can leave thousands of animals without homes and will easily overwhelm the ability of local shelters to care for pets,” said Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. The OHS team will work directly with the [Houston SPCA](#) to assist with their efforts to house and care for the animals.

OHS has an experienced group of staff and volunteers who respond to emergency situations across the country. In the last few years, team members have deployed to help animals affected by Hurricane Sandy and the tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri and Moore, Oklahoma. During Hurricane Katrina, OHS team members spent several weeks in the disaster zone rescuing pets, and brought more than 100 abandoned animals to OHS for adoption.

The nonprofit OHS is not affiliated with any national or regional animal organization and receives no tax dollars to support its work.

<https://www.oregonhumane.org/ohs-help-pets-hurricane-harvey/>

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[HURRICANE HARVEY](#)

## How you can help animals impacted by Hurricane Harvey

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As Hurricane Harvey continues to batter Texas with heavy rains and cause life-threatening floods, many are worried about their beloved animals.

Local and national organizations have already taken steps to evacuate animals. Shelters in the badly affected Gulf Coast areas had already evacuated animals by Friday evening, when Harvey escalated to a Category 4 hurricane. The [Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act](#) was passed in 2006 after Katrina to ensure that animals wouldn't be

forgotten when emergency preparations were made. Here are places where you can donate or foster:

### **Local**

If you are an animal welfare professional and want to volunteer your skills to relief efforts you can submit [this online form](#). Volunteer information will be shared directly with [Houston SPCA](#) and [SPCA of Texas](#).

The SPCA of Texas has also put out a [call for foster homes](#) to help care for the animals already in shelters and those coming from the Gulf Coast. The organization along with local groups like the Houston Humane Society are also accepting financial donations and in-kind donations, including cat litter, litter boxes, towels, blankets, large wire crates, toys, treats, pet beds, newspaper and gas gift cards.

[Austin Pets Alive](#) is seeking families that can foster cats and large dogs. In addition to cash donations, the organization can also use in-kind donations like large plastic or metal bins with lids. Space for some items is limited so check with the organization first before you gather supplies.

"Currently, our numbers have increased to 330 animals (169 dogs, 122 cats, and 40 more confirmed pets en route.)," Austin Pets Alive wrote to [ABC News](#). "Within the next 24 hours, those numbers are expected to increase by 50 to 110 animals, depending on how navigable some roads are. Our current projection is that we will have evacuated around 1,000 animals to Austin Pets Alive! by the end of the week."

The [Animal Defense League of Texas](#) is providing shelter and care for displaced pets and are desperately seeking fosters, supplies, and financial assistance in their efforts.

### **National**

The [Humane Society of the United States](#) Animal Rescue Team provides response to natural disasters. They have volunteers, equipment, and rescue vehicles currently working from Corpus Christi to Texas City to

San Antonio.

The [ASPCA](#) is on the ground with search-and-rescue, sheltering and relocation teams in Houston and much of Harvey's path. They are asking for monetary donations or membership within the organization to support ongoing rescue efforts.

The [Louisiana SPCA](#) is getting ready in case flooding in New Orleans should occur this week. The group has already transported dozens of animals living in Harvey's path to Atlanta.

<http://abc13.com/how-you-can-help-animals-impacted-by-hurricane-harvey/2355030/>

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## Animal advocates mobilize to keep pets safe in Hurricane Harvey's wake

USA TODAY Aug.29, 2017

The national effort being undertaken by the [Humane Society of the United States](#), [Wings of Rescue](#), [the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#), [GreaterGood.org](#) and other organizations involves flying homeless dogs and cats who already populated Texas shelters to facilities in other parts of the country. Those animals will go up for adoption in their new area while Texas shelters make room for pets who might wind up lost or abandoned in the wake of the hurricane and floods.

[Wings of Rescue](#) out of Livermore, Calif., is handling the flying of animals from Texas to other parts of the country. "These pets are being flown out in order to make room for the pets displaced with Harvey," Wings of Rescue founder Cindy Smith said, adding that the dogs and cats are all going to no-kill shelters.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/08/29/animal-advocates-mobilize-keep-pets-safe-hurricane-harveys-wake/610884001/>

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## The Houston SPCA is the lead nonprofit agency for animal-related disaster rescue, relief and resources in the region.

The Houston SPCA has opened an Animal Emergency Response Hotline

<http://www.houstonspca.org/programs-and-services/disaster-services.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

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# HOUSTON ANIMALS ARE LOST, COLD AND SUFFERING TOO

...Besides dogs and cats, farm animals like horses and cows are in harm's way. One Facebook post Tuesday morning begged for immediate assistance for 40 horses stranded in 5 feet of water in a barn near Houston. Ranchers are driving their cattle to higher ground, but the toll on the state's beef industry remains unknown....

...The Facebook page [Hurricane Harvey Animals Rescue Support](#) is filled with heartrending requests for immediate assistance. Sightings include dogs chained to abandoned homes near rising waters, and rescue boats that have picked up families but don't have room for household pets....

Some of the animal stories have happy endings. Twenty-five neighbors and strangers alerted by a Facebook posting mobilized and saved Samson the Longhorn. "He had been in this hole for two to three hours. His body was so weak, cold and tired," Amanda Sheridan, who witnessed and aided in the rescue, told Chron.com. His eyes were rolling in the back of his head, his body was shaking. It was such a scary thing to witness."

<http://www.newsweek.com/houston-flooding-pets-animals-facebook-656486>

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- [Houston SPCA](#) and [SPCA of Texas](#) — These organizations conduct rescues of pets and farm animals, and provide equipment and shelter in emergencies.
- [Humane Society of Louisiana](#) — The Humane Society of Louisiana has so far rescued 162 animals from shelters in the hurricane's path or at risk of flooding.

Source: *Los Angeles Times*

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# Here's How To Help Animals Affected By Hurricane Harvey



They need all the help they can get

Local and national organizations are fighting hard to save animals trapped in Harvey's wake — and they need your support. Here's how you can help animal evacuees, whether you live in Texas, Louisiana or across the globe:

<https://www.thedodo.com/close-to-home/help-animals-hurricane-harvey>

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This email is being sent in response to those asking how to help the animals in Houston's Hurricane Harvey. EVEN is emailing on behalf of the above non-profits and hoping to help you make links through your circle. **Please direct your questions, donations and offers to help directly to them.** We have listed links where available in **yellow highlight**.

Many thanks for your interest, your compassion and your dedication!  
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