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AKC HUMANE FUND DONATES \$10,000 TO CITY OF HOUSTON IN WAKE OF HURRICANE HARVEY DEVASTATION



Photo of a trailer that has been previously donated

- AKC Humane Fund Also Donates AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer to the City-

New York, NY – In support of the people and pets affected by Hurricane Harvey, the AKC Humane Fund has donated \$10,000, through its “Sandy Fund,” to the city of Houston to aid in relief efforts. The donation was made to the Greater Houston Community Foundation and the Hurricane Harvey Relief fund created by Mayor Sylvester Turner.

The AKC Humane Fund’s “Sandy Fund” allows AKC clubs and affiliated organizations to provide assistance for pets and their owners in their own communities during a time of disaster.

“We at the American Kennel Club and AKC Humane Fund are deeply saddened by the severe damage caused by Hurricane Harvey,” said Doug Ljungren, President of the AKC Humane Fund. “We will continue to do everything we can to support relief efforts in the aftermath of this storm.”

In addition to the monetary donation, the AKC Humane Fund has donated an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer to the city of Houston. The trailer is currently being assembled and will be ready on Saturday September 2, 2017 to be deployed immediately. The AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers help to create a safe, temporary home-base for at least 65 pets during the first 72 hours after a disaster is declared. The trailers house and deliver essential animal care items including crates and carriers, AKC Reunite microchips and an AKC Reunite universal microchip scanner, bowls, collars and leashes as well as fans, lighting and generators; cleaning supplies and maintenance items. These supplies can be used as co-location shelters, where people can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.

Learn more about how to get involved in AKC Pet Disaster Relief at www.akcreunite.org/relief. To donate to the AKC Humane Fund’s Sandy Fund or any other programs, visit www.akchumanefund.org.

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The AKC Humane FundSM, founded by the American Kennel Club[®] in 2008, promotes the joy and value of responsible pet ownership through education, outreach and grant-making. Through its programs, the AKC Humane Fund’s goals are to: support Parent Club Rescue activities; assist shelters for domestic abuse victims that permit pets and provide resources for responsible dog ownership education. Contributions to the AKC Humane Fund are fully tax deductible as allowed by law under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

AKC Reunite
The way home for lost pets.

AKC Reunite, an affiliate of the American Kennel Club[®], is the largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in the United States. Since 1995 AKC Reunite has helped pet owners reunite with their lost animals via identification and 24/7 pet recovery specialists, enrolling over 6 million companion animals and recovering more than 475,000 lost pets. AKC Reunite microchips are a popular choice of pet professionals throughout the country for permanent pet identification.

The AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund has donated more than \$6 million since 2001 for disaster preparedness and relief causes that impact our nation's pets. AKC Reunite also provides free recovery service enrollment for all active service, military, and law enforcement K-9 dogs. For more information visit www.akcreunite.org or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/akcreunite).