

Party Animals

June 11, 2006

Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for hosting a Party Animals event!

With your help, we hope to reach thousands of people with information on how we can all work together to protect pets in disasters. Your party will raise funds to support our lobbying to pass animal protection laws at the state and federal level for the Humane Society Legislative Fund.

Included in this packet are materials for you to use during your party:

- **Sign in sheets:** Please register each guest who attends your party. If they choose to donate, write down the amount and circle whether they used a check or credit card online.
- **Receipts:** These are to be filled out and given to guests who request one.
- **Call-in instructions**
- **Fundraising tips**
- **Wrap-up Sheet:** Please fill this out and return in to:
Melinda Fox/Party Animals
Humane Society Legislative Fund
519 C Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Once again, we sincerely thank you for your help in promoting this very important issue. Together we can work to create a more humane society for all creatures.

Sincerely,
The Party Animals Team

Party Animals!!! No Pet Left Behind

Sign In Sheet

Name: _____	Address: _____	Payment \$ _____
Phone: (____) _____ - _____	City, State _____, _____	Check / Credit / Online
E-mail: _____	Zip _____	(circle)
Name: _____	Address: _____	Payment \$ _____
Phone: (____) _____ - _____	City, State _____, _____	Check / Credit / Online
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Name: _____	Address: _____	Payment \$ _____
Phone: (____) _____ - _____	City, State _____, _____	Check / Credit / Online
E-mail: _____	Zip _____	(circle)

Host Name: _____ Date of Party: _____ / _____ / _____

Party Animals-No Pet Left Behind Dial-in
Instructions
June 11, 2006 7:25 Eastern Time

*** 10 minutes before the simultaneous conference call begins at 7:30 ET please move your speaker phone to the center of your gathering or ask folks to gather near the phone.**

Dial 1-800-862-9098

A live operator will answer and ask for the conference ID, your name, location, and how many attendees you have at your party.

The conference ID name is
"Rescue Pets"

After the operator gathers your information you will be placed on hold with music briefly until the moderator opens up the conference call.

You will be on a muted line so you will not be heard.

The moderator will host the call and introduce the speakers.

The call should last about 20 – 25 minutes.

<p>Thank you for your Donation!</p>  <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit \$ _____ </p> <p>Given to the Party Animals host on ____/____ 2006.</p>	<p>Thank you for your Donation!</p>  <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit \$ _____ </p> <p>Given to the Party Animals host on ____/____ 2006.</p>	<p>Thank you for your Donation!</p>  <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit \$ _____ </p> <p>Given to the Party Animals host on ____/____ 2006.</p>
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Fundraising Tips- Party Animals!

On your personal Party Animals! web page – log in and manage your profile:

Keep an eye on your fundraising goal:

-if you're a very close to reaching it, please considering raising it.

Folks become more willing to contribute the closer you are to your goal the day of the party.

-if you're very far away from your goal only a few days out, and do not plan to make up the difference yourself or have an invitee who can, please lower your goal to something attainable.

Make sure you review your rsvp and invitee guest list a day or two before the party and send an email reminder out to folks on your list. ***If they made a pledge, ask them to fulfill it online through your web page if they cannot attend the party or to mail you their check.***

If anyone needs to mail you their donation ask them to do so to your house and **have checks made out to HSLF with Party Animals marked in the memo section.**

At the start of your party:

If possible, have your Party Animals! web page up on a computer at your party.

Assign someone to be your official “greeter” and ask that they get everyone to sign in on the “sign-in” sheet and collect their donation (cash or check) and put it in the return collection envelope.

The greeter should know what your party's fundraising goal is.

If someone wants to make their donation with a credit card at the party please log in on *your* Party Animals! web page and have them donate online at the party.

Give receipts to folks who request one, have greeter or host fill them out.

Just after the Conference Call or at the mid-point of your party:

Ask everyone to make sure they fulfill their pledged donation by giving your greeter their check or cash, or giving online at the party.

Give your guests an update on your goal and current total.

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At the closing of your party:

Make an announcement thanking everyone for supporting your party and the Humane Society Legislative Fund's important lobbying efforts on behalf of pets.

Give a fundraising goal update; if you're close but not quite there ask that everyone pitch in to help you reach it.

If you have made your goal, CONGRATULATIONS!

Mail all paper checks or cash donations with your recap sheet.

Thank you for being a Party Animal!

Party Animals!!!

No Pet Left Behind

Wrap-Up Sheet*

Party's Name: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Number of Guests who attended: _____

Total Contributions: \$ _____

Original Fundraising Goal: \$ _____

Passed out all materials? Y / N

Did you show video? Y / N

Are you interested in hosting again in the future? Y / N

Comments:

(Host) Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

*Please fill out and send in with any contributions to:
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The Humane Society Legislative Fund
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Washington, DC 20002

IMPORTANT

All checks, wrap-up sheets, and sign in sheets **MUST** be in the mail no later than **JUNE 15th!**

Any checks or donations that you collect after June 15th should be sent in separately to:

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Washington DC 20002

**The Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2005:
H.R. 3858 – S. 2548**

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, thousands of animals were abandoned during the flooding and subsequent evacuation of New Orleans and other areas of the Gulf Coast. The PETS Act was introduced in the House by Representatives Tom Lantos (D-CA) and Christopher Shays (R-CT) with Reps. Don Young (R-AK), Barney Frank (D-MA), and James Oberstar (D-MN) as original cosponsors, and introduced in the Senate by Senators Ted Stevens (R-AK) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). The legislation seeks to prevent people from being forced to choose between their personal safety and leaving behind their household pets and service animals in a time of emergency.

What Will PETS Do?

The Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2005, referred to as the “PETS” Act, will require that pets are considered in local and state disaster planning. In order to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding, a city or state is already obliged to submit a plan outlining its disaster preparedness program. The PETS bill, H.R. 3858/S. 2548, requires state and local emergency preparedness authorities to articulate how they will accommodate households with pets and service animals when presenting these plans to FEMA. Additionally, S. 2548 (1) grants FEMA the authority to assist in developing these plans, (2) authorizes financial help to states to create emergency shelters for people with their pets, and 3) requires the provision of essential assistance for individuals with household pets and service animals, and the animals themselves, following a major disaster. The uncontrollable loss of life and property are devastating and for families who have lost everything, having their dog or cat remain with them as they rebuild their lives is a critical source of comfort. The PETS bill will help communities prepare for disasters and prevent unnecessary losses and separation of families.

Why Do We Need PETS?

The devastation of Hurricane Katrina has revealed many important lessons, including the pressing need to correct a number of flaws in our country’s emergency preparedness and management plans.

- There are currently over 358 million pets in the United States residing in 63% of American households.
- State and local emergency plans frequently fail to include evacuation provisions for household pets and service animals.
- Stories of people being forced to evacuate from their homes without their beloved companion animals were tragic and abundant on the Gulf Coast.
- Many refused to leave their animals behind, consciously choosing to put themselves in harm’s way and endure dangerous conditions rather than abandon their pets.
- Even those who left their homes with pets in hand were required to leave them in parking lots before boarding buses, with no rescue options available. Millions heard the story of one young boy who was forced to board a bus to safety, while his beloved dog “Snowball” was ripped from his arms. The boy was extremely distraught and cried until he vomited.
- Even critically needed service animals were denied rescue. For individuals with disabilities who rely upon service animals, such as seeing-eye dogs, leaving their loyal and trained animals behind is both terrifying and utterly unfair.

What Can You Do to Support PETS?

Please contact your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators and urge them to cosponsor H.R. 3858/S. 2548 to help ensure that pets and service animals are provided for in future disasters. To cosponsor, contact Guido Zucconi in Rep. Lantos’ office at ext. 5-3531, Marissa Varnadore in Rep. Shays’ office at ext. 5-5541, Kate Williams in Sen. Stevens’ office at ext.4-3004, or Daniel Rosenberg in Sen. Lautenberg’s office at ext. 4-3224.