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Humane Society SPCA and Animal Defense League

Local Animal Shelters to Help Houston Pet Evacuations

(San Antonio-TX) The Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County and the Animal Defense League are working together to help Houston with their pet evacuations. Due to the turn of Hurricane Ike, Houston SPCA requested assistance from the Humane Society SPCA earlier today. Since the Humane Society has taken in over 80 animals from the Corpus Christi area late last night, we have asked the Animal Defense League to help us with this endeavor.

The Humane Society SPCA will be loading up vans and renting extra vehicles to be on their way to Houston by early afternoon. Animal Defense League will supply two staff members to help with the transfers. Over 120 animals will be brought back to the San Antonio area, where they will be given new "temporary" homes at the Humane Society SPCA and the Animal Defense League.

A "Hurricane Adoption Special" will be offered by the Humane Society SPCA and Animal Defense League for all animals evacuated due to Hurricane Ike. Prior to adoption, all animals will be assessed, tested for Heartworms, spayed/neutered and vaccinated.

The Humane Society SPCA and Animal Defense League are proud to assist in the Hurricane Ike efforts. We all hope that the public will open their hearts and homes for these new San Antonio residents and give them the life they deserve.

Donations to help these Hurricane Ike victims can be made to the Humane Society/SPCA of Bexar County at 226-7461, Animal Care Services at 207-6650, and the Animal Defense League at 655-1481.

The **Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to find homes and provide temporary shelter for abandoned and unwanted animals, prevent cruelty to animals, promote the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats, and educate the community on responsible animal care.

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