



To All Volunteers,

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I wanted to extend my gratitude to the Volunteers of Hurricane Gustav. I have enjoyed working with you during the storm while hearing your stories on why you wanted to help and signing up volunteers for those long night shifts. I am constantly reminded that we are fortunate in this city to have many caring people who will go beyond their normal day activities to help animals in need.

A special thanks to Rhonda Falcon and Marian Burns- Humane Society SPCA, Don Specht -ADL, Kathie McGowan- Snipsa, Julie Lakin-AAPAW and Sandy Overmire-Diamond Dachshund for helping me coordinate the many volunteers needed at Kelly USA, Stinson, and the VOAD center. Without their help, I am sure I would have a sore ear and no rollover minutes left.

I was most impressed with the ACS staff who worked diligently to care and house pets while showing volunteers respect and professionalism. This made my job much easier. Thank you to Jef Hale and Jacy Peralta for the opportunity to have worked as the Volunteer Coordinator for Hurricane Gustav.

This is an ongoing learning experience and I know that we will apply that knowledge to the next Hurricane. (IKE!) With over 120 Volunteers and 600 hours, I feel assured that we will step up and serve in any way we can with the next Hurricane.

While a staff member of the Humane Society SPCA, I am also proud to be a part of this "Team" and will work along side the many great volunteers for Hurricane Ike.

***** **Please Note******* With Hurricane Ike heading this way, we will be looking for volunteers. If you are associated with an animal organization, please call your volunteer coordinator of that group. Volunteer Coordinators of each group will need to contact me with names of volunteers. Volunteers are required to wear their volunteer shirts to Kelly or Stinson. If you are not involved with an animal group, you must register at the VOAD center first. (Freeman Coliseum) Please keep a watch on your email and your cell phone. I will keep you informed with the plan for Hurricane Ike.

Cathy McCoy