



Volunteers Step up during Hurricanes! **Humane Society/SPCA of Bexar County Volunteers** **Log in over 400 Hours!**

As Hurricane Ike approached, the Humane Society staff and volunteers prepared yet again for the possibility of animals needing help in the disaster area. The previous Hurricane was just a test of the capability of the staff and the more than 33 volunteers that assisted in the preparation. The knowledge learned from Gustav and the relationships that were gained, prepared us for the new fast approaching hurricane.

After a short hiatus, the volunteers were called in to work along side the staff to get ready for housing evacuated shelter animals in need. The floors of the Education and Receiving Rooms were covered with wire crates set up with bedding, water, and food bowls to await the animals. Eighty animals were first received from Corpus Christi and would have just a short rest before being put up for adoption at the Humane Society. Staff and volunteers watched anxiously that night for the coming of Hurricane Ike. The next morning it was confirmed that the Category 2 storm had turned north toward the Houston area and that the Houston animal shelter would be calling. With nearly 120 animals received late that night into the Humane Society shelter, staff and volunteers knew that we would work diligently to care and house pets. Knowing that our shelter was filled over capacity during this time, volunteers stepped forward to help the City of San Antonio receive in 500 owned pets from the evacuated public.

To this day, we are 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 from the Humane Society staff goes out to the over 100 Humane Society volunteers for their hard work and support during this Hurricane Season.

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