

ASPCA Rescue Team Works Around the Clock

Funds have been issued to help with search and rescue process.

September 12, 2005 To date, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) has received an unprecedented \$6.5 million in donations, with almost \$1 million last Thursday alone.

Emergency funds have been issued to 16 organizations in the affected areas to help with all aspects of the search and rescue process including emergency evacuations, animal food supplies and the development of an infrastructure in order to facilitate the process of caring for the animals. All monetary donations sent to the hard-hit areas were intended for the direct care and comfort of the animals affected by this tragedy.

Once rescue efforts have been completed, the ASPCA grant funds for rebuilding the animal shelters in the affected areas will begin.

Animal relief workers in the field reported that the animal coalition, lead by the ASPCA, has now rescued more than 3,000 animals as well as 40 to 50 exotic pets (lizards, snakes, etc) and about 200 horses. The animals are being housed at both the La-Mar Dixon Exposition Center in Gonzales, Louisiana, and Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge. Animals will begin to be transported to another facility in Monroe, Louisiana, as the Gonzales and LSU sites have reached their holding capacity.

Contact information Please send donations to the ASPCA Disaster Relief Fund, at (866) 275-3923; ASPCA Disaster Relief Fund, 424 East 92nd, New York, NY 10128, or by going to APSCA.

The ASPCA distributes funds from its Disaster Relief Fund to shelters and organizations across the country impacted by natural disasters. Its efforts help organizations through the recovery process by providing direct support to help rebuild facilities and relocate animals.

About the ASPCA® Founded in 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (ASPCA) was the first humane organization established in the Western Hemisphere and today has one million supporters. The ASPCA's mission is to provide an effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States.