

## ASPCA Helped Animals Affected by Flooding

**The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was among agencies that rescued and housed animals stranded by floods in the Midwest.**

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Working with local animal control professionals and other animal welfare agencies, the ASPCA helped retrieve pets left behind in evacuated homes, including more than 60 cats and other animals. Earlier this month, the ASPCA deployed emergency animal rescuers to Coffeyville, Kan., to help provide rescue and relief to cats, dogs and other pets stranded by floodwaters. Working with local animal control professionals, ASPCA personnel helped retrieve pets left behind in evacuated homes, including more than 60 cats and dogs, birds, iguanas, several tanks of fish and even a toad.

APSCA workers used boats to retrieve animals left behind by owners forced to evacuate their homes. Though rescue efforts were complicated by an oil slick created after a nearby refinery was struck by flash flooding, rescuers were able to successfully find many pets. Teams also set humane traps in areas where many cats and dogs were roaming.

Other animal welfare agencies that assisted in the disaster relief effort included the American Humane Association and the Humane Society of the United States.