

## **AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund - Katrina**

Dear Chinook Fanciers,

We have all been touched and saddened by the horrific devastation in the Gulf States. Hurricane Katrina has displaced thousands of people and their pets. Many families have been separated from their loved ones and were forced to leave behind their loved pets. After losing everything, the loss of their pets is an additional heart break. These animals need to be rescued, cared for, and either reconnected to their owners or find new homes.

The Chinook Club of America would like to express its deepest sympathies to those individuals and their families who are directly affected by this disaster. We would like to encourage everyone to help by supporting relief efforts such as the AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR) fund. If you are looking to donate or help in some way, this fund is a wonderful opportunity as 100% of your money donated goes to the rescue of animals. Shipments of food, crates and other supplies are being delivered directly to contact centers in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida and Texas.

For people or clubs wanting to volunteer much needed equipment, housing and personal resources, such as foster homes and offers of transporting dogs, AKC has set up a web-based donation exchange on its website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) with "Need Help?" or "Want to help?" buttons on its home page. People can list resources, equipment, and transportation offers to those canine victims and their owners displaced or separated by the hurricane. You can search for a particular shelter or rescue organization in a particular state to offer donations or resources, or make a general donation to the CAR fund which disperses supplies to all organizations needing help.

The AKC website is updated periodically with info about rescue efforts. Clubs, shelters, or individuals in need of assistance can check the AKC website home page or contact the AKC at [seekhelp@akc.org](mailto:seekhelp@akc.org) or 1-800-252-7894.

If you wish to make a fully tax-deductible donation, you may send it to the address below or visit the AKC website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org):

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AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund is a permanent charitable fund which provides resources, support and other assistance to not-for-profit animal shelters and similar not-for-profit organizations providing care for domestic animals orphaned or displaced as a result of natural or civil disasters.

If you would like to donate money, supplies or offer your home for foster care, please contact AKC/CAR. For those who are in need, this fund can offer direct help. For those who donate, you have the knowledge that your entire contribution goes to the rescue and care of the animals affected by Hurricane Katrina. The victims of Hurricane Katrina will need our help for a long time to come. Your donations will make a difference in the life of a person, a family, and a beloved pet.

Thank you,  
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