

EVACUATION NOTICE

LIVE ANIMALS LEFT BEHIND

Pet Owners, please fill this form out and tape it outside to your main entrance when you evacuate, IF and ONLY IF you CANNOT take your pets with you. The use of card should be your very LAST resort! Your pets will be much safer with you than home alone.

Date & Time We Evacuated

Date

mm/dd/yyyy

Time

[12AM-5AM] [5AM-10AM] [10AM-3PM] [3PM-8PM] [8PM - 12PM]

How Many Live Animals Are Left Inside This Residence?

Animal Types

In box, please indicate number of pets of each type is being left behind

Dog(s) Cat(s) Ferret(s) Rabbit(s) Bird(s)
 Other. Please specify _____

Last Feeding Time

Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Time: _____ AM PM

How many days worth of food did you make accessible?

Please keep in mind that unless you provide an automatic feeder, your dog will most likely consume all available food at once.

1 Day 2 Days 3 Days More than 3 Days
 We didn't leave food behind

Conditions of Animals Left INSIDE The Residence

Please help first responders assess the situation BEFORE they enter. It keeps pets and responders safe!

Check all that apply

Crated Loose Leashed In a room
 Other: _____

Conditions Animals Are Left OUTSIDE the Residence

Have you or any household members left live animals outside the property? YES NO

If YES, Is this property fenced? YES NO

Are they Loose Leashed Other: _____

**PLEASE KEEP THESE CARDS CLOSE TO AN EXIT SO THAT
IN TIMES OF NEED YOU CAN READILY ACCESS THEM.**

Dear Pet Owner,

This evacuation card is to be used **ONLY** in the event you receive a voluntary or mandatory evacuation order from the authorities. The card will let first responders know what they can expect to find on the residence premises, if you have to leave pets behind, before they enter the home.

We truly hope that you will never have to use this card. We strongly recommend and encourage you to **NOT** leave your pets behind. Since hurricane Katrina, various rescue organizations are working closely with government authorities to provide shelter to pet owners. The PETS Act of 2006 makes provisions to ensure that pet owners are taken care of during these types of emergencies.

This card should be your LAST resort. NOT your first choice!

The reason we do not recommend leaving pets behind is due to the lack of forecasting accuracy authorities have when it comes to estimating when you will be allowed back into your neighborhood. Depending on how things evolve, threats might change and it might take weeks before you are allowed back. Pets left behind are therefore placed at risk of disease, getting lost, starvation, drowning, injury and death. Hurricane Katrina has been quite a stark example of how situations can quickly change to your disadvantage. Please remember that roaming pets can pose a threat to others, including first responders. So please take your pets with you!

Before filling out the card, please find a way to laminate it.

If you **MUST** use this card, please take a minute on your way out to fill it out. Please use a Sharpie to fill out **ALL** sections. Please make sure that your latest contact information is included to ease the reunion process.

Once filled out, affix (nail, staple, duct tape, etc) all sides of the card to the top of your door, or bottom of the roof of your house (if applicable). The higher the better to ensure that flood waters cannot easily prevent it from easy viewing by first responders.