



RESOURCES FOR PET, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY OWNERS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE RITA

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Animal Evacuation Shelters

For information on facilities available by county to house pets, horses or livestock, call Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) at 800-550-8242 or go to www.tahc.state.tx.us.

Animal Rescue

To look for lost and found pets, sign up as a foster home or to volunteer, register at www.petfinder.com.

To report a lost pet or one needing rescue, call 800-HUMANE1.

To locate foster homes for pets, call 800-485-5152.

The Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) team has authorization to provide animal rescue in Hardin, Orange, Harris, Jefferson, Galveston, Brazoria and Liberty counties. The animal rescue team in these counties can be reached at 713-802-0555.

Texas Animal Control Association (TACA) animal rescue teams can be reached at 936-366-0128.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, who have wildlife rehabilitators permitted to care for wildlife, can be reached at 800-792-1112. Wildlife rehabilitators are listed by county at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/rehab.

Livestock Hay and Grazing Provisions

The Hay and Grazing hotline of Texas Department of Agriculture can help producers locate hay for sale and lease pastures. Information can be obtained from 877-429-1998 or www.agr.state.tx.us in the 'Producer Information' section.

Livestock and Poultry Carcass Disposal

For information or guidance on building a carcass composting pile, call Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) at 806-677-5600 or 979-845-3931 or <http://tcebookstore.org>.

For complete Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules and publications on disposal of carcasses, go to www.tceq.state.tx.us or call 512-239-0028. The TCEQ has regulatory authority for carcass disposal.

Water Quality and Safety Concerns

For water quality and safety issues contact Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) at www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/hurricane.html or 512-239-0028.

Livestock Strays

Record animal brands, ear tags and descriptions and contact county clerk's office, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) at 817-332-7064 or www.texascattleraisers.org and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) at 800-550-8242 or www.tahc.state.tx.us.

Livestock, Poultry and Farm Loss Claims

Document and report all livestock and poultry losses immediately to county Farm Service Agency (FSA). Contact information for county offices can be obtained from the Texas FSA at 979-680-5150 or www.fsa.usda.gov/tx.

Document and report all farm property losses to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 800-621-3362 or www.fema.gov.

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