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Louisiana shelters getting help from Animal Welfare Association to shelter dogs ahead of Hurricane Ida

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Voorhees, NJ – Animal Welfare Association (AWA) is welcoming several dogs from Louisiana Saturday, August 28. AWA is part of a network of shelters in New Jersey providing housing, medical care, and adoption opportunities for dogs during this hurricane season. This partnership ensures dogs and cats are not left at risk in cages being flooded like what happened with Hurricane Katrina.

Ida, forecast to make landfall on Sunday evening, August 29th, 16 years to the day Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, is expected to be a Category 3 or greater storm. Everyone remembers the news stories of people rescuing animals from homes, and those left in their cages in flooded shelters during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. “It was awful,” states AWA Executive Director, as she remembers saving pet lives in the following months. “We are fortunate that today shelters have pre-storm evacuation plans that allow them to ensure the safety of pets under their care and to make room for immediately displaced and rescued pets.”

“Many of the dogs and cats arrive scared” says Urban, “and our trainer is able to help them overcome all they have gone through so they can be adopted by caring families.”

Richmond went on to share that AWA staff have traveled to devastated areas to volunteer with other agencies to directly rescue dogs and cats and to help care for them in emergency shelters temporary set up.

Follow the dogs’ stories on AWA’s Facebook page at facebook.com/animalwelfareassociation.

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Animal Welfare Association, a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, in 2019 over 16,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey’s leader in progressive companion animal care.