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Pet Safety and Wildlife Awareness after the Storm

Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (HCPHES), Veterinary Public Health cautions residents to be safe around animals in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.

Be careful around loose or lost pets. Frightened animals are more likely to bite if approached or handled. Do not touch unknown animals. Contact your local animal control agency for assistance.

Wildlife has also been affected by Hurricane Ike and should not be handled. Bats and skunks are still potential rabies carriers. Animal bites should also be reported to your local animal control agency. Visit www.countypets.com for a list of area agencies. Use caution when cleaning storm debris and tree limbs as snakes and fire ants can be a problem. For injured wildlife, call the Houston SPCA Hotline at 713-435-2990.

Be careful when clearing trees and tree limbs from your property. Pets like being with us while we are outdoors and can easily be injured by damaged or falling trees. Keep pets indoors, away from chainsaws and falling limbs and trees.

HCPHES Veterinary Public Health has increased the holding periods for lost pets to allow owners time to reclaim them. Photos of the animals in our shelter are uploaded twice daily to our website, www.countypets.com , or owners can call 281-999-3191 or visit the shelter at 612 Canino Rd. Monday - Friday 1:00 PM - 5:50 PM and Saturday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Here is a list of area Animal Control Agencies and their availability.

Baytown	**281-422-7600**	All services
Brazos Animal Shelter	**979-775-5755**	All Services
Bunker Hill	**713-467-9762**	All Services
Conroe	**936-539-4431**	Emergency & Field Services only
Fort Bend County	**281-342-1512**	All Services
Friendswood	**281-996-3391**	Field Services only
Harris County (Unincorporated)	**281-999-3191**	All Services
Hedwig Village	**713-465-6009**	All Services
Houston City Limits	**713-238-9600**	Shelter Services
Humble	**281-446-2327**	All Services
Hunters Creek	**713-465-2150**	Emergency Services only
Jacinto City	**713-674-8424**	Emergency only
Jersey Village	**713-466-2129**	Field Services only
Katy	**281-391-4848**	Field Services only
La Porte	**281-471-2141**	All Services
Liberty	**936-336-4505**	Vicious or B/C only thru SO
Pasadena	**281-991-0602**	All Services
Pearland	**281-652-1970**	Emergency Services Only - not taking animals
Rosenberg	**832-595-3490**	Only Priority calls - at capacity
South Houston	**713-947-7700**	Full - not accepting animals
Spring Valley	**713-465-8308**	No shelter -call PD (7)465-8323
Sugarland	**281-275-2596**	All Services
Tomball	**281-999-3191**	All Services
Taylor Lake Village	**281-326-5900**	Emergencies & B/C's only
West University	**713-668-0330**	Will accept drop offs - space limited