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## **Flood Tips for Pet Safety** *Keep your pet safe throughout the storm*

**HOUSTON (January 9, 2012) — The Houston Humane Society(HHS) wants everyone to take the following steps to be sure pets are safe during this flood.**

- If you evacuate or leave home, be sure to take your pet with you!
- If possible, keep all pets indoors at this time. If not in the house, at least in the garage where they can be kept dry.
- Be cautious about letting your pet play in or drink ground water. Water may be contaminated or contain dangerous debris.
- It's a good idea to crate pets or secure them in a room they feel safe during thunderstorms.
- Be sure to dry off the paws, legs, and stomach of your dog when you bring them back in from outside.
- Be sure to keep children and pets away from downed power lines, debris, and fallen tree branches.
- Use caution when returning home. Snakes, insects, and other animals may seek refuge on higher ground.
- Give pets time to re-orient themselves. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and cause your pet confusion.

*About the HHS: The Houston Humane Society is a private, non-profit animal welfare organization dedicated to ending cruelty, abuse and the overpopulation of animals. The HHS does NOT receive any government funding or operating funds from national animal welfare organizations, and relies solely on donations, special events and program services. For the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the HHS has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator.*

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