

# **EVACUATION NOTICE**

## **NO PETS LEFT BEHIND!**

### **NOTE TO FIRST RESPONDERS**

**This Residence Has Been Completely Evacuated.**

**Please mark the home appropriately.**

**Thank you for checking in!**

**Stay Safe!**

#### **Resident Comment Box**

Please use this box only if you need to let first responders know of a hazardous condition pertaining to your home or property.

#### **FIRST RESPONDERS NOTICE BOX**

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To be filled out by first responders only!

# PLEASE KEEP THIS CARD CLOSE TO AN EXIT SO THAT IN TIMES OF NEED YOU CAN READILY ACCESS IT

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, before they enter the premises, what they can expect to find upon entry of these premises. If you have evacuated all your pets, this card lets first responders know that your property has no pets on site. This will allow them to move on and help other members of your community.

**PLEASE DO NOT FILL THIS CARD OUT IF YOU ARE LEAVING LIVE ANIMALS BEHIND.**

We truly hope that you will never have to use this card. Wag'N® strongly recommends and encourages you to NOT leave your pets behind. Since Hurricane Katrina, various rescue organizations are working closely with government authorities to provide shelter to both humans and their pets.

The **Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act of 2006** makes provisions to ensure that pet owners are taken care during these types of emergencies.

**The National Response Framework (NRF)** directs individuals and families to develop emergency plans for their own pets and service animals and gives the local appointed official responsibility for ensuring that local emergency plans account for individuals with service animals and household pets. It also makes local, tribal, and State jurisdictions responsible for activating a veterinarian/animal response team during an incident. And last but not least it designates a function that is responsible for supporting and coordinating animal response and relief activities during a Federal response to an incident (Emergency Support Function [ESF] #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources)

## **THIS CARD should be your FIRST choice!**

There is NO reasonable event in which your pet is safer left behind than with you during an evacuation.

Additionally, there are several reasons Wag'N® does NOT recommend leaving pets behind:

- 1) Roaming pets are not "safe" and can pose a threat to others, including first responders
- 2) 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 anywhere near your residence.
- 3) Pets left behind are placed at risk of disease, getting lost, starvation, drowning, electrocution, injury by wild animals, getting lost, joining roaming animals and death.

## **THANK YOU FOR TAKING 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 to include your latest contact information to help first responders and shelters assist in 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). If your area expects flooding, affix card as high as possible to ensure higher visibility by first responders.