

## AVMA and AVMF Resources: Please Pass On

### AVMF offers hurricane grants to veterinarians

*The American Veterinary Medical Foundation has established guidelines for requesting reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses. Information will be available in the near future regarding other AVMF grant programs available for those affected by the hurricanes. When available, information will be posted at [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org) and [www.avmf.org](http://www.avmf.org).*

### Temporary Housing/Employment Opportunities for Veterinarians and Veterinary Staff

In an effort to assist veterinarians, veterinary technicians and other veterinary staff affected by Hurricane Katrina and Rita, AVMA is establishing a list of people and clinics willing to offer temporary employment and/or housing to these displaced individuals.

In addition, AVMA wants to establish a database of displaced veterinarians, veterinary technicians and veterinary staff so we can start assisting these individuals with finding temporary employment or housing.

The hurricane veterinary relief job and licensure information has been posted to the AVMA Veterinary Career Center VCC at [http://www.avma.org/vcc/hurricane\\_relief.asp](http://www.avma.org/vcc/hurricane_relief.asp).

A link to the state licensure information has also been placed in the AVMA Hurricane Recovery area at <http://www.avma.org/aa/hurricane/employment.asp>.

If you would be interested in offering temporary employment/housing or are a displaced veterinary related individual and do not have access to the internet, please email us at [vetcareers@avma.org](mailto:vetcareers@avma.org) or call Cindy Coy at 1-800-248-2862 ext 6683. Please put **Katrina or Rita** in the subject line and give us your full name, phone number and email address (if possible) and we will contact you for more information.

AVMA staff has attempted to contact all of the veterinary state boards and some of the Canadian provinces and has received feedback from many with information regarding licensure requirements for hiring displaced veterinarians. We are encouraging the State Veterinary Medical Associations to work with their corresponding Veterinary State Boards to establish guidelines for temporary employment requirements so that you may better inform your members before they extend an employment offer. The AVMA website will also provide the information we have received from our inquiries and it will be updated daily. It is our understanding that the AAVSB has pledged to waive any score report fees for purposes of licensure in other states in response to the disasters.

**If you are a state who has already established a temporary employment job board, please send us a link to your site so we are not duplicating your efforts.**

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### **Interim Guidelines for Animal Health and Control of Disease Transmission in Pet Shelters**

*These Interim Guidelines have been developed by consultation between the American Veterinary Medical Association and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and are advisory in nature. They are intended to provide guidance for the care of animals entering shelters and for persons working with or handling the animals in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The guidance reflects information available as of September 27, 2005 and may be updated as more information becomes available.*

*(<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/katrina/animalhealthguidelines.asp>)*

### **Animals in Public Shelters**

*The following document was developed by consultation between the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Veterinary Medical Association and is advisory in nature. Guidance reflects information available as of September 22, 2005 and may be updated as additional information becomes available.*

*(<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/animalspubevac.asp>)*