



Emergency Relief Waggin'™ Fast Facts

Thousands of pets left behind after the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita required medical attention, shelter and care. Due to the large quantity of supplies and assistance needed in one location, additional coordination and support was required outside of PetSmart® existing emergency relief processes. That's when the concept for the PetSmart Charities® Emergency Relief Waggin'™ was brought to life.

Concept Becomes Reality

- The Emergency Relief Waggin' was created as a mobile emergency supply source to be dispatched at a moment's notice upon request from any governmental or tribal entity and/or registered 501(c)(3) organization designated by the state or county as the authority in charge of a large-scale disaster pet rescue operation
 - Six semi-trailers are strategically stationed throughout the U.S. at PetSmart distribution centers, with one full-time emergency coordinator on call
 - Each trailer is preloaded with nonperishable supplies such as tents, fans, lights, crates, bowls, leashes, collars, litter boxes and a generator; food and other perishable items are scheduled to be loaded the day of departure
 - Once fully stocked, each trailer holds enough supplies to support the rescue of up to 500 companion animals
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When the Waggin' Goes into Action

- The Emergency Relief Waggin' can be dispatched for animal emergency relief, hoarding or cruelty conditions involving 350 companion animals or more
- When a request for emergency assistance is approved, the Emergency Relief Waggin' can deliver supplies within 48 to 72 hours
- Once at the emergency site, specially trained volunteers will unload the trailer and supplies, then distribute them to the lead animal welfare agency, under the watchful eye of the Emergency Relief Waggin' coordinator
- To help ensure that owners and pets don't get separated, each trailer contains a large tent that can be set up adjacent to a human shelter to help keep people and their pets together

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