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AKC PET DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER GIVES SoCAL ANIMAL REPNSE TEAM A NEW WAY TO HELP LOCAL PETS

Mission Viejo, CA — Southern California pets will be a little safer now that the SoCal Animal Response Team (SCART) has obtained an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer, an emergency trailer that helps create a safe, temporary home-base for at least 65 pets immediately after a disaster is declared.

The trailer's purchase was made possible by more than \$22,000 in donations from the members of the Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association and the Woman's Club of Huntington Beach, as well as [AKC Reunite](#), the nation's largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service. It will be presented to SCART this weekend and play a major role in the organization's [Animal Shelter Evacuation Training exercise](#).

"This trailer will provide animal care services during the first critical hours if a disaster ever hits southern California," said Tom Sharp, AKC Reunite CEO. "Safe, effective pet sheltering solutions in times of disaster are incredibly important, and AKC Reunite is pleased to help communities across the nation prepare by mobilizing AKC Pet Disaster Relief."

The trailers house and deliver essential supplies such as fans, lighting and generators; cleaning supplies; maintenance items; and animal care items including crates and carriers, AKC Reunite microchips and an AKC Reunite universal microchip scanner, as well as bowls, collars and leashes. These supplies can be used as co-location shelters, where people can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.

"This trailer will provide a much-needed resource for our team to help the pet owners in our area during an emergency or disaster," said Susan Keyes of the SoCal Animal Response Team. "We thank the Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association, the Woman's Club of Huntington Beach and AKC Reunite for their hard work in raising the donated funds to make it possible to have an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer in our area."

"Our members wanted to make it easier for our local community to help pet owners in times of need, and we're very proud to donate this AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer to the area to assist in their future response efforts," said Kathy Webster of the Shoreline Dog

Fanciers Association and Diane Amendola from the Woman's Club of Huntington Beach.

Individuals, corporations and other interested parties can donate to trailer projects in local areas or across the country. Donations are tax deductible and accepted at <http://www.akcreunite.org/donate>. Approved organizations that raise a minimum of \$1,000 will have their logo featured on the AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer.

Learn more about how to get involved in AKC Pet Disaster Relief at www.akcreunite.org/relief.

PHOTOS: Click [HERE](#) for photos of the AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer.

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The AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund has donated more than \$4 million since 2001 to K-9 search and rescue teams as well as disaster preparedness and relief causes that impact our nation's pets. AKC Reunite also provides free recovery service enrollment for all active service, military, and law enforcement K-9 dogs. For more information visit www.akcreunite.org or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/akcreunite).