



MEDIA ALERT

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

Emergency Trailers Help Create Safe, Temporary Home Base for Pets After Disaster

WHAT: The SoCal Animal Response Team (SCART), the Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association and the Woman's Club of Huntington Beach, along with AKC Reunite, the nation's largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service, will unveil the new SCART AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer to the public **at SCART's Animal Evacuation Sheltering Training on Saturday, March 5th from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, March 6th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Mission Viejo.**



With the AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer, the SoCal Animal Response Team will be prepared to roll out help to pets and their owners in need when unthinkable events take place. The trailers house supplies that create a safe, temporary home-base for at least 65 pets immediately after a disaster is declared. Materials can be used at co-location shelters where people evacuate with their pets, or at stand-alone emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.

The purchase of the trailers was made possible by more than \$22,000 in donations and grants from the Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association, the Woman's Club of Huntington Beach, and [AKC Reunite](http://akc.org).

PHOTO OP:

- The AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer in action during an Animal Evacuation Shelter Training exercise simulating a disaster. This will also include other local emergency response agencies (SUNDAY ONLY).
- Tours of the AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer

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WHERE: City of Mission Viejo, 200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 -- Saddleback Room/EOC