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Animals Everywhere

A newspaper reporter named Cathy Scott sat in a small boat. She was not on a river or a lake, though—she was floating down the streets of New Orleans, Louisiana. It was early September 2005, and most of the city was **flooded**. Deep water lapped against the porches of **abandoned** homes. The silent neighborhood seemed to be empty.



In the boat with Cathy were two animal rescuers, Tracey Simmons and Mike Bzdewka. "Watch this," Tracey said. She began barking like a dog. Suddenly, the street seemed to explode with the sounds of animals! From houses all around came dog barks and cat meows. Cathy now realized there were animals everywhere. Unfortunately, they were scared, hungry, and all alone.

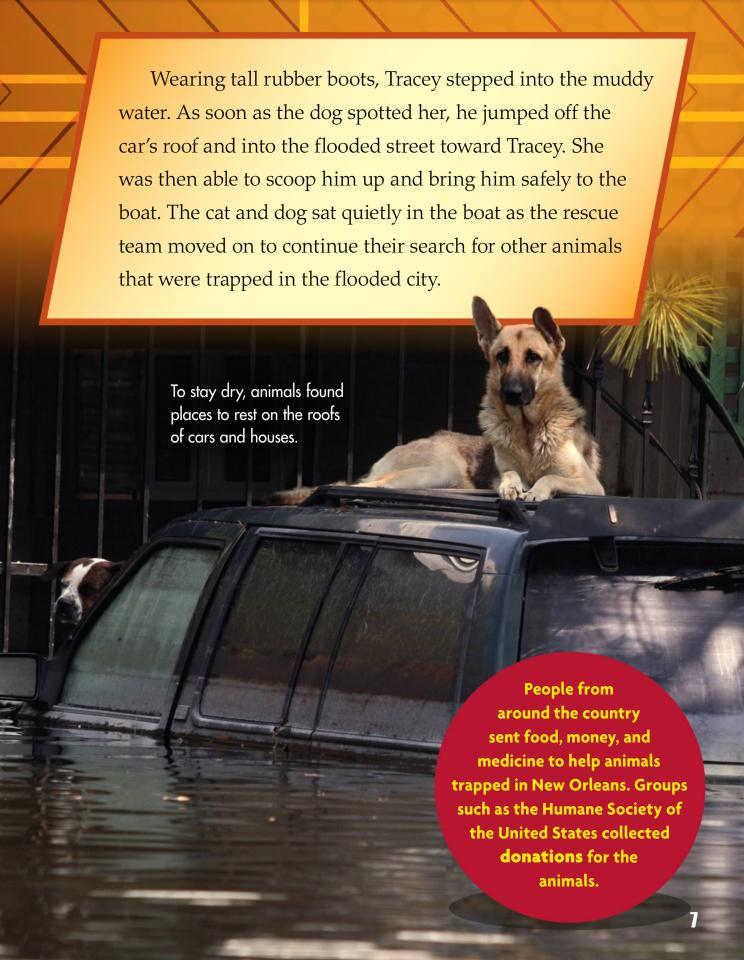


Tracey and
Mike were working
with Best Friends
Animal Society, an animal
sanctuary based in Utah. They
were among many people who
came to the New Orleans
region to help rescue
animals.

Dog on a Car Roof

Following the sound of a cat's meow, Mike guided the boat to the porch of a house. He jumped into the waist-high water and splashed his way to the window. He opened it, lifted a cat gently out of the house, and carried her to the boat. Then he turned the boat to the next home, following the sounds of a barking dog. Once they reached the driveway, Mike, Tracey, and Cathy found what they were looking for—a dog sitting on the roof of a car.





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SAVING ANIMALS FROM HURRICANES

When disaster strikes, people aren't the only ones in danger. In August 2005, Tropical Storm Katrina formed over the Atlantic Ocean. Soon the storm became a huge hurricane headed for the Gulf Coast. Residents had to evacuate quickly. In most cases, they had no choice but to leave behind their pets. Would anyone come to the animals' rescue?

Look inside to meet the everyday heroes who found ways to save animals from Hurricane Katrina and the floods that followed. These brave men and women managed to rescue not only dogs and cats, but also farm and zoo animals such as horses, cows, alligators, and dolphins—sometimes even risking their own lives as they rushed in to help.

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