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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.

Dogs and cats were stuck all over New Orleans with no food or clean water.



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.



Animal rescuers had to use boats to travel through the city's flooded streets.

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.



Rescuers came prepared with cages for dogs and cats.

Wearing tall rubber boots, Tracey stepped into the muddy water. As soon as the dog spotted her, he jumped off the car's roof and into the flooded street toward Tracey. She was then able to scoop him up and bring him safely to the boat. The cat and dog sat quietly in the boat as the rescue team moved on to continue their search for other animals that were trapped in the flooded city.

To stay dry, animals found places to rest on the roofs of cars and houses.

People from around the country sent food, money, and medicine to help animals trapped in New Orleans. Groups such as the Humane Society of the United States collected donations for the animals.

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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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