



# Paws Inn Print

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## Pets Are Inn® Guidelines and Policies

- Lodging and transportation rates are subject to change without notice.
- A deposit is required during peak season, for new clients and for existing clients with a new pet.
- Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. It is to your advantage to book early.
- Pets (both cats and dogs) must be on a topical flea preventative to be administered prior to lodging. (Required during flea season; check the office when making your reservation.)
- Changes in reservations with less than three (3) business days notice will be assessed a \$10 administrative charge. This includes time restrictions. Changes and/or new reservations with less than 24-hour notice will be assessed a \$25 charge.
- Medication instructions must be in writing and meds are to be clearly identified. Instructions for the easiest method of administering are greatly appreciated.

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## Importance of Dog Training

Dogs are pack animals. They have gone from the wild and have been domesticated, and now their family is "their" pack. In the animal pack, the dominant animal will offer a corrective bite on the nose of a younger dog to correct unacceptable behavior. That is why young children are so often bitten in the face. The dog feels it is offering "correction" to the child. That is why it is important that dogs and young children be supervised. Let us know here at Pets Are Inn the social skills of your pet. Dogs that live with young children are more tolerant of unexpected moves than a pet that has never been around a toddler.



effective to spend five minutes three to four times per day versus an hour once a week. All members of the family should follow the same rules. For example, if Dad allows the dog to jump on him but

gets upset when the dog jumps on a child, then the dog is getting mixed signals and is easily confused as to the expected behavior.

It is important that the dog and his pack (the family) learn obedience from the earliest possible age. Parents should find dog obedience classes that encourage the entire family to participate in the training. If the child can speak clearly, then he or she is old enough to give commands. The parents should reinforce this until the children can do this for themselves. This will train the dog that it is a subordinate to even the youngest within his pack.

Do not allow the dog to exercise dominance over the family. This includes climbing on furniture (placing himself higher than his pack), jumping or otherwise getting on, above, between or in front of family members. As a young dog, train it to roll over on its back for tummy rubs. When a dog rolls over it is submitting to that animal or pack member.

Excellent resources for pet owners are: "How to be Your Dog's Best Friend," "The Art of Raising a Puppy" and "Good Owners, Great Dog."

Consistency is the key: It is far more



## Max's Helpful Hint

My ability to hear is better than yours, especially when it comes to hearing high-pitched sounds. My range is 34,000 to 40,000 cps (cycles per second) while yours is closer to 20,000. My feline friends can hear

even better, up to 60,000 cps. Cell phones and TV remote controls are very irritating to me. When I react to your cell phone's ring, try changing the ring to one that is more suitable to my sensitive ears.

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# Katrina's 4-legged Survivors

Every day we hear on the news a heart-wrenching story about inhabitants who had to leave their homes and their pets. The following are three such stories:

American Humane Society volunteers continue to search in the area, working from a list of approximately 3000 rescue

requests from owners who had to leave their pets behind. Time is now critical for these trapped animals. One stop on the long list was an apartment complex. The team had only a street



address and no apartment number and was concerned about the time it would take to search the whole building with so many other animals waiting. Anxiety quickly turned to joy when they met a



young man who had stayed through the hurricane and flooding and had been caring for all the pets in the building. He had even bought medicine and was administering it to a cat with a thyroid condition at the request of the cat's owner. The animals were evaluated and found to be well fed and cared for, and very lucky that this young man was there for them.

The Humane Society had another team of volunteers doing water rescue, and they scoured their area on-foot, calling out "here kitty-kitty," whistling, and following each animal sound they heard. At one point, desperate meows greeted their calls and the team looked up to see three cats staring anxiously at them from the roof of a two-story house. Instead of spending valuable time pulling out their equipment, the team backed their



vehicle up under the eaves of the building. The cats had probably sought safety from the flooding by climbing on the roof but had been stranded there for over a week once the waters receded. When the volunteers climbed up to the roof of the truck and reached out for them, the cats leapt eagerly to safety.

"He looks beautiful," said James Mercadal after he was reunited with his seeing-eye dog following a separation caused by Hurricane Katrina. James was forced to evacuate his home, but was not allowed to take with him his seeing-eye dog and



constant companion of five years, Jake. James was relocated to Houston and after three weeks and countless volunteer hours Jake was found in his home in New Orleans and reunited with James.

*(Featured on the Today show on 9/20/05.)*

If you would like to make a contribution to help rescue and sustain pets that are now homeless and looking for their owners, contact the Humane Society at [www.hsus.com](http://www.hsus.com).

## EMERGENCY PLAN

The current dangers facing animals as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita should make all of us consider ways to protect our pets during inclement weather. We may not live in an area that is susceptible to hurricanes, but we may experience tornados, heavy winds or flooding due to heavy rains. Pets shouldn't be allowed to run loose at any time, and this is particularly important when heavy rains can cause flooding.

While flooding can occur anywhere, animals must be kept away from rivers, creeks, streams and other waterways that can quickly turn into

raging torrents of water that can sweep animals away. If strong winds are also present, animals need to be protected from the elements as well as any objects, such as trees, that could come crashing down on them.

## Gas prices

Due to the increase in gasoline prices there may be a gasoline surcharge added to your invoice.

## Flea Season

Yes, it is the season. All pets must be treated with a topical flea preventative just prior to lodging. Consult your veterinarian as to which product is best for you and your pet. If your pet comes with fleas we will have it treated and you will be charged.

