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**Pet Paradise Aids Those Displaced From Ike**  
Houston facility open for pet shelter

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Pet Paradise, a pet boarding and day care facility, is open and powered up to care for the pets of homeowners who can't keep their pets because of storm damage. Plenty of water, food and fans are on hand, as well as, the indoor/outdoor suites and swimming pool, to keep the dogs comfortable during their stay. As part of their Hurricane Evacuation Program, Pet Paradise is currently sheltering 200 pets free of charge for those residents who evacuated during Hurricane Ike.

Many pet owners have called in asking to extend their reservation because of extensive damage to their homes. "Our first priority is always the safety of the pets in our care, and this commitment is especially critical in emergency situations," commented Martin Coolican, Pet Paradise Marketing Director. "We understand that it may be difficult for some residents to return promptly following an evacuation and we will do our best to cater to pet owners who find themselves in extreme circumstances"

As part of their Hurricane Evacuation Program, Pet Paradise agrees to board dogs and cats free of charge for up to 48 hours after the evacuation is lifted. All pets **MUST** have proof of current vaccinations and are considered on a first come, first-served basis.

This marks the second successful evacuation for the Houston Pet Paradise facility. During Hurricane Gustav, they successfully evacuated animals from their New Orleans/Jefferson Parish facility to the Houston facility. More than 65 pets, including pets from the coastal areas of Louisiana and Texas, were boarded as part of Pet Paradise's free Hurricane Evacuation Program. All pets returned safely to their owners after one week at the Houston facility.

The Houston facility is located near the Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport at 14500 John F. Kennedy Blvd. For more information please contact the Houston facility at 281-449-3647.

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**ABOUT PET PARADISE RESORTS**

Headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., Pet Paradise employs a unique business model within the burgeoning pet services industry. The company builds and operates upscale pet boarding facilities, which provide pets and owners with a luxurious alternative to the traditional kennel. The Pet Paradise facilities include spacious dog and cat boarding suites as well as day care and grooming services. Pet Paradise was formed in 2002 and currently has seven operations in Florida – Jacksonville Airport, I-95 & University Boulevard in Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Ormond Beach, Palm Coast, Sanford and newly opened Gainesville – as well as operations in New Orleans and Houston. Planned openings include Tallahassee, FL, Houston Hobby Airport, Charlotte International Airport, Atlanta International Airport, and Oviedo, FL.  
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