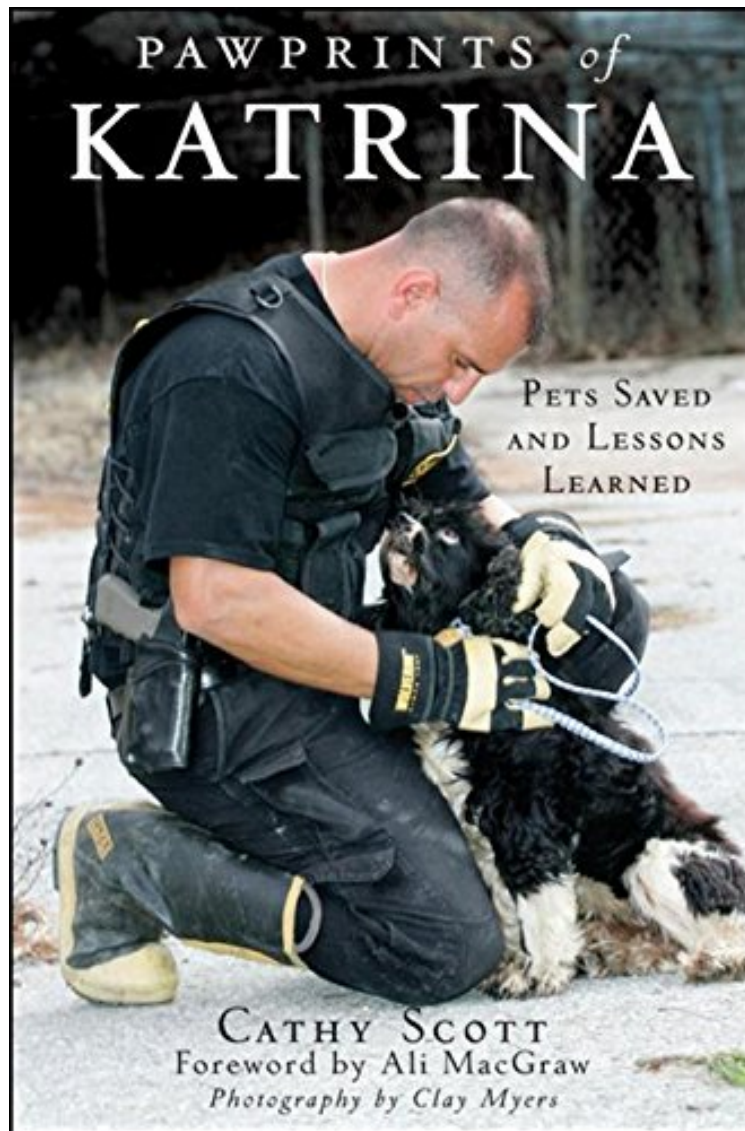


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Cathy Scott : Pawprints of Katrina: Pets Saved and Lessons Learned before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pawprints of Katrina: Pets Saved and Lessons Learned:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book.By Angela CI love this book. There are sad spots, it is the nature of the beast, not all of the Katrina related issues ended well. The sadness does not take away from the book in any way.The writing and research that went into this book are apparent, it is not a cobbled together story built half

on facts, half on speculation. It is a story built with careful research. I will not include spoilers here, but if you are looking for a book that tells a story of a small part of the rescue efforts after Katrina, this is the book to read. There are other books if you are seeking a broader picture, but this one gives the general overview. This book will have you jumping feet first into the fray that was disaster rescue after a huge disaster that devastated entire communities. You will hear about pets left behind to fend for themselves, the difficulties in setting up such a large scale rescue, hear about the volunteers and agencies that gave their time to step in and help the pets. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Must-Read for Animal Lovers By A. Miller The whole world should know about the Best Friends Animal Society and its efforts and success, combined with those of other shelters and volunteers, at rescuing many of the pets of people who stayed behind to be with their pets as Hurricane Katrina loomed. The book brings to the forefront the agony of being ordered at gunpoint to evacuate immediately and leave behind one or more beloved pets; the misplaced trust in law enforcement officers who promised that those animals would be cared for; and old laws that were changed to now include pets in any evacuation plan in the U.S. Best Friends did what we only wished we could do - drop everything to head south and rescue abandoned pets from rooftops, toxic waters, and hiding spaces beneath ruined houses. Best Friends was also instrumental in the huge network to locate owners and reunite them with their beloved pets. Sadly, there is still much work to be done and, thankfully, Best Friends is still involved. Everyone should learn about these heroes who, while authorities considered the pets in Katrina's path to be completely disposable, believe in the value of ALL life. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Testament to life, hope, and love By Joyce M. This book probes the depths of misery and rises to the heights of joy. I often felt myself in the boats cruising the murky floodwaters looking for signs of life in New Orleans' deserted neighborhoods. The bugs and humidity were real. So was the satisfaction of spotting a desperate animal and the joy of pulling it to safety. And the bone-weariness of the long days and uncomfortable nights. "Pawprints of Katrina" is a testament to the survival instincts of our animal companions and the compassion of countless humans who value them enough to risk themselves to help the helpless.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many animals had to fend for themselves because their owners lost them or were unable to care for them. In *Pawprints of Katrina: Pets Saved and Lessons Learned*, Cathy Scott documents her experience working with the Best Friends Animal Society triage center to rescue lost animals and reunite them with their owners. Over two hundred stories with accompanying photos describe dramatic and challenging rescue cases with details about the rescues, the examinations, treatment, and follow-up care by the selfless volunteers who worked to save beloved best friends.

From the Inside Flap After Hurricane Katrina hit, animal rescuers found this handwritten note taped to an apartment door in a building from which residents had been forced to evacuate without their pets: Our names are Fifi and Cici. We are both cats, one boy, one girl. Please take us to a shelter. Our doctors are located at the Cat Practice. If you find us, we are in the restroom. We have enough food to last us 5 days. Please contact our parents, Daryl and Tasha, who love and adore us very much, at [and the phone numbers were given]. Please, we need your help! Volunteer rescuers found the note and the cats a week later. Even though it was 11:00 at night, they called the number. Through her sobs, a grateful Tasha said, "It's my birthday. It couldn't be a more perfect gift." As this book details, most people did everything they could to give their beloved pets a chance to survive in the chaos after Katrina. Thanks to the efforts of organizations and volunteers from all over the country, it's estimated that approximately 15,000 animals were rescued. The staff and volunteers at the animal refuge facilities set up by Best Friends Animal Society helped to rescue between 5,000 and 7,000 terrified, abandoned animals and reunited some 1,500 pets with their people, most of whom had lost everything. This book details the rescues, the nonstop care given at the shelters, the reunions, the adoptions, the triumphs, and the tragedies. It celebrates the powerful bonds between pets and their people and those that develop between strangers who despite all kinds of obstacles, share an unwavering commitment to a common cause. In addition to Fifi and Cici, you'll read about: Himie, a Rottweiler found with a plastic bottle attached to his collar holding a note and his eye medicine; Himie was reunited with his owner Tenderfoot, a Black Labrador puppy whose foot pads were burned off by the toxic sludge; he was treated for weeks and adopted Bubba, a longhaired gray cat whose displaced owner drove for ten hours in a rented car to retrieve his cat he had left after Katrina Red, a partially paralyzed Staffordshire Terrier who was hospitalized for about three months, fitted with a "wheelchair," and eventually adopted And many more ... The lessons learned resulted in a Law Protecting our beloved pets. Just weeks before the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina in August 2006, the plight of thousands of New Orleans residents and their pets led to a new federal law the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (Pets) Act that requires local and state governments to include household pets in their evacuation plans. It also provides federal funding for pet-friendly refugee shelters. Because of the dire experiences of Hurricane Katrina, animal owners will not have to choose between saving their own lives or remaining in a disaster-ravaged area with their pets, only to have to abandon the pets later. From *Pawprints of Katrina* From the Back Cover "This is an unforgettable account of the courage and boundless energy of people who realize that we human beings have an absolute obligation to help the other creatures of this planet.... I love this book!" Ali MacGraw, Actress and Animal Activist "Hopefully, lots of lessons were learned as a

result of Katrina, and reminding us of these lessons is good. Warning: Tissue is required for this reading, though the book abounds in happy endings."Steve Dale, Tribune Media Services; (From Steve Dale's syndicated column My Pet World)"Americans were outraged to see people being forced to abandon their family pets. As Congress rushed to pass new laws, and volunteers raced to New Orleans to help, Hurricane Katrina changed the face of animal welfare forever. This is a story of pure, unconditional love in the face of unimagined suffering."Michael Mountain, President and Cofounder; Best Friends Animal SocietyPawprints of Katrina Will Leave Pawprints on Your HeartYou probably vividly remember the animal rescues you saw on television in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Veteran reporter and lifelong animal lover Cathy Scott covered the stories straight from the muck, the rubble, and a makeshift shelter. She witnessed dramatic rescues and joyful reunions firsthand. This book shares Cathy's stories and insight, poignant photographs from Clay Myers, and follow-up information about the animals today. Heartbreaking and heartwarming, it conveys the depth of the tragedy; more importantly, it celebrates the indomitable spirit of the volunteers who refused to give up, the determined pets who survived, and the owners (original and adoptive) who love these animals today.

About the AuthorCathy Scott traveled to New Orleans at the request of Best Friends Animal Society to document the plight of pets displaced by Hurricane Katrina. She quickly became a rescuer as well as a reporter. Scott's work has appeared in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the New York Post, the San Diego Union-Tribune, the Las Vegas Sun, George magazine, and Reuters News Service. Known for her true crime books *The Killing of Tupac Shakur* and *The Murder of Biggie Smalls*, for five years Scott taught journalism at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Her most recent TV appearances include Investigation Discovery, ESPN, AE and VH1.