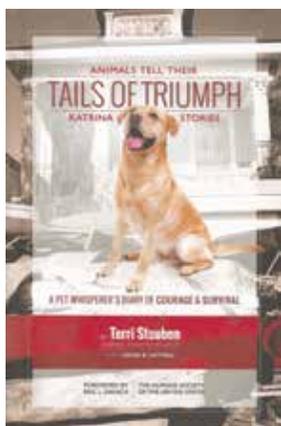


Tails of Triumph: Katrina Stories

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It has been ten years since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and several Gulf States. Thousands of people were displaced, injured, and some killed. Unfortunately, most animals, pets and others, were left behind...the people were not allowed to take pets with them when being rescued. (That has changed, thanks to those people and animals, through new laws which permit the rescue of animals too.)



By Sept. 4, 2005, animal rescuers were allowed into New Orleans, and many volunteer teams went in to find animals in dangerous conditions, rescuing sick, injured and starving animals by the hundreds. Lamar-Dixon, a facility set up to receive and process the animals, was soon overwhelmed. The workers there evaluated animals, tried to locate owners, and then sent animals to other rescue sites all over the country.

Terri Steuben has been a volunteer with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) in California, working with

disaster rescue teams, and communicating with the scared endangered animals she encountered and putting them at ease. She is well trained, holding certificates in emergency response at state and federal levels as well as the HSUS. She arrived at Lamar-Dixon on Sept. 13, to begin her job of saving animals.

Terri kept a journal of her experiences and the animals she encountered, and finally was ready to write an account of that stressful time. She is a psychic animal communicator, relying on all her knowledge of animal behavior but adding the gift of conversing psychically with animals. The animals lived through a nightmare and wanted someone to know about it. You will hear directly in their own thoughts about what had happened to them, their confusion and fear, the despair of lost hope of ever being rescued, and the joy when they realized their ordeal was over.

Medical intuition is also one of Terri's special gifts, and through this, she was able to find out "where it hurts" and aid and guide veterinarians in treating sick

and injured animals, as well as explaining to the animals what was happening to encourage their cooperation.

If you are encountering this type of communication with animals for the first time, you may have to suspend your doubts as you read. Most of us pet owners, while not as gifted as Terri, will attest that we have indeed intuited what our pets were thinking, needing, or wanting, sometimes in surprising detail.

The stories from the animals will leave you wanting to know more; fortunately, Terri Steuben has written another book, *Secrets of a Pet Whisper*, which is a how-to on communicating with your pet and also explains how to prepare for an emergency.

This is an important topic which is gaining ground among animal lovers and which will help us see our pets in a new way. It gives us new insight into the love our pets have for us, their loyalty, and what is important to them. You will also discover that most pets have a delicious sense of humor.

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