



## Animal Investigation and Response

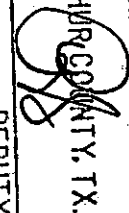
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March 22, 2022

Hon. Todd Tefteller  
Upshur County Judge  
PO Box 730  
Gilmer, TX 75644

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Dear Judge Tefteller;

The purpose of this letter is to outline the disaster assistance provided by Animal Investigation and Response (AIR) to Upshur County Texas in response to the tornadoes occurring on March 21, 2022. These services will be at no cost to the County of Upshur.

- AIR will provide assistance by establishing an Emergency Temporary Shelter (ETS) to house / care for animals impacted by the March 21st Tornadoes that impacted the county.
- Daily care will be provided by AIR responders at the ETS at East Texas Yamboree Livestock Grounds, in Gilmer Texas. Daily care will include but not be limited to feeding/watering, cleaning, walking, enrichment and socialization of animals for a period of 14 days. Additional daily care time can be provided upon mutual agreement.
- ~~Overnight security of the property will be provided by the County.~~
- Only animals owned / found within the County Designated Disaster Zone will be accepted at the ETS.
- At large animals brought to the ETS will remain the property of the County unless proof of ownership is provided by the owner.
- Owned animals within the county designated disaster zone are eligible for temporary housing at the ETS with the following understanding(s)
  - The animal owners (agents) acknowledge that the risk of injury, escape or death of the animal during an emergency cannot be eliminated and agree to not hold the Upshur County, Animal Investigation and Response, and its representatives responsible for injury, escape or death of the animal during an emergency.
  - For owned animals, the animal owners (agent) acknowledge that if there has been no contact for 5 days at the emergency shelter or 72 consecutive hours after the County is disengaged that ownership of the above animal may be relinquished to the Emergency Shelter or their designee for disposition as decided by the entity.
- Should animals be owner surrendered to the County, AIR will assist in responsible placement of the animal. Ownership of said animal will be retained by the County until disposition.

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- Additional assistance including but not limited to, livestock, additional transport, additional plastic crates, wire cages, veterinary care, placement, and/or grooming,
- Communication shall be maintained via Chain of Command via the contacts for each organization as listed in Exhibit A attached
- The County agrees to allow all media & information regarding AIR's assistance, including pictures, video, updates and any information regarding AIR provided assistance to the County, may be shared with the public for the purposes of AIR fundraising, recruiting and publicity.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Should this be acceptable to Upshur County please sign and return. AIR looks forward to the opportunity to assist the County to help assure a safe space during this disaster.

Thank you,

*Monica Ailey*

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President

Animal Investigation and Response

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Camille Barclay -AIR

*agreed.*

TODD TEFTELLER  
UPSHUR CO. JUDGE



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**Exhibit A**  
**ICS Communication**


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