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From: Malcolm G. Myer
Assistant Commissioner of Animal Health Services
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry

Re: Act 615, (SB 607)

As required in Act 615 (Senate Bill 607), created in the 2006 Regular Session, and signed by the Governor, I am requesting a copy of the evacuation plan for the entities listed above that normally house household pets, research animals or service animals.

As Louisiana has already entered into the hurricane season, I am requesting that you send, fax or email this information to one of the following addresses listed below by **July 31, 2006**:

LDAF Office of Animal Health Services
PO Box 1951
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-1951

Fax: 225-237-4888

Email: animalplan@ldaf.louisiana.gov

This act also requires that your plan be filed with your parish office of homeland security and emergency preparedness. Your plans are required to be filed with both agencies annually.

Next year, we would request submission of your plans by **May 1, 2007**.

Federal groups like the United States Public Health Service and USDA Animal Care are assisting the state in providing information on evacuation and sheltering and identification of sheltering areas.

An enclosed form can be used as a guide. Supplemental pages may be attached. This form is available on the LDAF Web site as a Word Document at www.ldaf.state.la.us.