

# PETS Act Reimbursement Issues

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# Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS Act)



# PETS Act

- ***Amends*** the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
- ***Requires*** that such provisions be **included** in Federal, State and local emergency and disaster preparedness plans
- ***Funded*** via FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Grant Programs



# FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program



- The objective of the is to **provide assistance to States, local governments, and certain Non-Profit organizations** to alleviate suffering and hardship resulting from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President
- **Reimburses not less than 75% of eligible costs**



# PETS Act Definitions

- ***Household Pet*** - A domesticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rabbit, rodent, or turtle
- ***Service Animal*** - Any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability
- ***Congregate Household Pet Shelters*** - Any private or public facility that provides refuge to rescued household pets and the household pets of shelterees



# PETS Act

Provides reimbursement for:

- Household Pet Rescue



# PETS Act

Provides reimbursement for:

- **Congregate Household Pet Sheltering**
  - Facilities
  - Supplies and Commodities
  - Eligible Labor
  - Emergency Veterinary Services
  - Transportation to Sheltering Facilities
  - Shelter Safety and Security
  - Cleaning and Restoration
  - Removal and Disposal of Animal Carcasses
  - Cataloging/Tracking System for Pets



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- Costs of sheltering/caring for household pets will no longer be eligible for FEMA reimbursement when the pet owner transitions out of Section 403 emergency sheltering
- **When the people go home, the money stops**

**\*VERY IMPORTANT POINT\***



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- For more information go to:

[http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/9523\\_19.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/9523_19.shtm)

