PETS Act Reimbursement Issues

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Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS Act)
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• **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
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Provides reimbursement for:
• Household Pet Rescue
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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: