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**CHRONIC
INFLAMMATION**

RETRIEVING FOR
DUMBBELLS

**SOLD ON
NOSODES**

**PET GROOMING CAN
BE SCARY AND TOXIC**

GMO
GOD MOVE OVER

GRIEF AND
SUDDEN LOSS



ON THEIR WAY TO THE US

HURRICANE DORIAN SHELTER TRAGEDY IN GRAND BAHAMA BY ELLEN KOHN

Category 5 Hurricane Dorian unleashed its fury on Grand Bahama Island on September 2. With gusts of 225 mph and 15 to 18 foot storm surges, Dorian left unfathomable destruction in its path. Dorian was the worst storm to hit the Bahamas in recorded history

Located in Freeport at the heart of Grand Bahama, the Humane Society of Grand Bahama (HSGB) took a direct hit to the shelter and all of the animals there. The building was housing not just shelter pets, but also some privately owned pets who were boarded there for protection during the storm.

The shelter had elevated buildings that had never flooded in previous hurricanes. But tragically, Dorian turned out to be a different story.

Six heroic HSGB staff members risked their lives by staying behind with the animals. As they worked desperately to get the pets to higher levels, the floods came roaring in. When the water rose to chest deep, the staff had to climb into a ceiling crawl space for their own survival.

By the middle of the night, no one knew if they'd made it. Power was out and there was no communication. They were rescued after two days; five of them lost their homes.





The loss of pet lives was devastating. Most of the 85 cats were able to get to higher levels. But about half the 190 dogs died.

The shelter building was severely damaged and is too unstable to house animals. The surviving pets have been transported to shelters in Florida and New Jersey, where, hopefully, they'll get adopted.

Vehicles, medical equipment (x-ray machine, microscopes, ultrasound equipment) all went under water and will have to be replaced.

Resilient as they are, these communities have a long road ahead of them. And because so many people are homeless, with no food, water or power, helping the animals is critical.

Please consider making a donation to The Kohn Foundation (thekohnfoundation.org). TKF is a US-based 501(c)(3) organization whose core mission centers on Grand Bahama. TKF supporters have helped with hurricane recovery from Jeanne, Frances, Wilma, Matthew and now Dorian. We're completely volunteer-run, so 100 percent of your donation will go directly to HSGB. All donations are US tax deductible. 🐾





Obituary: Gerald Wessner DVM

Dogs Naturally friend and holistic veterinarian Dr Gerald Wessner passed away peacefully at home on July 28, age 77. You may remember him answering readers' questions in the *Ask The Vet* column in the early days of DNM.

Originally an equine vet, Doc Wessner saw many injuries and illnesses that conventional medicine couldn't treat. Eventually he followed his convictions and founded the Holistic Veterinary Clinic of Summerfield, Florida, to practice a more holistic way of treating all animals.

Doc's approach was unique. He used a dowsing rod to energetically determine where animals were deficient, then treated them with homeopathy. His technique allowed him to heal many complicated health cases that conventional medicine had been unable to resolve.

Doc earned a reputation as a "think outside the box" vet and was always eager to explore new healing alternatives. He developed protocols for troublesome diseases like West Nile, Lyme and Cushing's. His abilities created a following of clients from all over the world.

In Doc's own words, "I have finally achieved my veterinary oath of **never doing any harm**, and am able to cure many diseases and also control other diseases without drugs, in patients where a cure is not possible." He will be missed.

By Ellen Kohn