

Easton's Jane Paley writes pet rescue book for sixth anniversary of Katrina

Hartford - The recent tornadoes in Joplin, Tuscaloosa, Springfield and Mid-America is calling new attention to the plight of abandoned and missing pets and animal rescue.

More than 300 animals have been taken to the Joplin Humane Society, alone. What happens to those dogs and cats left without owners and homes?

As the sixth anniversary of hurricane Katrina approaches, Jane Paley of Easton, CT. (and her dog Hooper) explain the horror, loss and recovery of that tragedy to children in a new book *Hooper Finds a Family, A Hurricane Katrina Dog's Survival Tale*, (HarperCollins Publishers, June 2011)....a wonderful book for parents and grandparents to give to children. The book is available on June 28.

Proceeds from the book will go to Labs4rescue, an organization that matches stray dogs with new families

Emmy Award winner and author Paley tells how her lovable yellow Lab named Hooper was abandoned and rescued from the horrors of Katrina. The book is "written" by Hooper and tells about his transition from living in the Bayou, surviving Katrina and moving to New York City.

While the book is fiction, much of it is true.

After being abandoned by his owners rushing to leave New Orleans, Hopper survived the worst storm in US history and after several days alone was rescued by an animal lover. Within weeks, Hooper was brought to New York by his real life mom, Paley, to begin a new life where he ultimately has found a new, different and wonderful life.

Hooper Finds A Family is written for children ages 8-12 (grades 3-7) and available now in advance of the sixth anniversary of hurricane Katrina on August 29th.

Paley adopted Hooper through Labs4rescue. Today, Paley brings Hooper, a certified therapy dog, to visit patients in hospitals, nursing homes, hospices and physical therapy centers, to bring joy and comfort to those in need. Hooper is also involved in the reading for buddies program which matches dogs with young children learning to read.

Paley was the director of community relations for ABC Television, and her ABC Notebook educational programs were awarded an Emmy and a National Education Association Award. As a partner in Paley-Price Productions, she wrote and produced numerous family-oriented programs for HBO, PBS, and Lucasfilm, among others. Paley is also an assistant professor in the Division of Mass Communication at St. John's University in Queens, New York.

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