



## Press Release

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## For Immediate Release

# Hurricane Katrina Survivor, Queenie, Finally Going Back Home to New Orleans!!!

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, the Ninth Ward in New Orleans was one of the hardest hit areas. Gloria Brown, then 73 years old, swam to safety, with the water rising up to her neck. But she didn't go alone. Refusing to leave her beloved Queenie, an 8 year old chow-chow behind, she somehow managed to get her dog on a piece of plywood and towed her to safety. But, like so many beloved animals, Queenie was left behind because Gloria had to evacuate without her.



Gloria ended up in the Bay Area with family, but was totally distraught over her lost dog. After a desperate search and arduous journey, Queenie was rescued and brought to San Francisco by Hopalong Animal Rescue. Then several months ago Gloria was told she could get a FEMA trailer, so she went back to New Orleans to set things up. But up until just last week, she still had no trailer. She ended up living with relatives in a very crowded trailer, and was once again without her beloved Queenie. The wonderful staff at Animal Farm stepped in to help take care of her, and Hopalong assured Gloria that they would get Queenie returned permanently to New Orleans as soon as she had housing.

Then finally, this week, Mrs. Brown received notice that she had a place to live. So, Hopalong is shipping Queenie home. After almost 1 ½ years of turmoil, Mrs. Brown and Queenie will end their saga. This Thursday, Queenie is getting a plane ticket and heading to Louisiana. She will finally be home and with the woman who loves her dearly.

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