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SUBJECT: Florida Lupine Disaster Relief Fund

The 2004 hurricane season was particularly destructive here in Florida. Within the span of two months, four powerful hurricanes made landfall in Florida. Damage was significant and made the FLA Board of Directors aware of the need of wolfdog owners for financial assistance during such disasters. Now, in 2005, we have seen the worst disaster to hit the US as the Gulf Coast was struck.

A year ago, to assist wolfdog owners in a time of disaster, the Florida Lupine Association Board of Directors established a Disaster Relief Fund in memory of Founding Members Beth Palmer (who was a previous Director, Vice President, and Secretary) and Jan Mitchell (wife of President Al Mitchell), who both went to the Rainbow Bridge in 2003.

The initial financing of this Fund was through the application of memorial donations previously made by friends and members of the Palmer and Mitchell families. However, the Fund will only be able to continue through additional (tax-deductible) donations from concerned individuals looking to assist those in need during a disaster.

Donations: Additional continuing donations are needed. As FLA is a 501(c)(3) organization recognized by the Federal Government, all donations are tax deductible. Donations may be sent to Florida Lupine Association, P.O. Box 142, Crescent City, FL 32112 or may be made through our website: www.floridalupine.org.

Fund Objective: To provide financial assistance to wolfdog owners for expenditures related to their animals incurred as a direct result of a recognized disaster. Level of assistance will be determined by the FLA Board of Directors and will not normally exceed \$250 per person per incident.

Eligibility: Financial assistance will be granted to wolfdog owners only. Individual owners will be given priority over businesses and organizations. Although the focus of FLA is within the State of Florida, FLA may consider requests from outside Florida in cases of special or dire need. Visit the website for an application or write to our DeFuniak Springs address.

We ask those who can to contribute to this Fund. And, for those in need we hope that, through these donations, we can show that the wolfdog community cares.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Mitchell
President