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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is SCOOBY and I live in Waggamann, Louisiana. One month ago, my family had to evacuate because of KATRINA and they fled to Houston to escape the bad hurricane. While there, they went out to eat at Pappadeaux on I-10 West and took me with them. While they were eating, I jumped out of the car and went to play with some children on the parking lot next door. When I decided to go back to the car, I could not find my way and was going out on the freeway when a nice man called me back as he did not want to see me hit by a car in the busy traffic. He got a shoelace and tied it around my harness, which had my name and address on it, but no phone number. He took me in his car around to all the motels, hotels, etc., trying to find my owners, but was unable to do so. He took me to his house and his two Cavaliers, Rocco & Brisco, told me about Red Oak Kennel and how they liked to stay there when their master went out of the city. He called the nice lady that owns the place and she asked him to bring me there to stay until they could find my master.

The man searched the internet and was able to get my home phone number, but the service was down due to the storm. He called around to all of the rescue shelters trying to find out if someone was looking for me, but was unable to find any information. He called the local TV stations and even Greta at Fox News to help find my owners, but no one came forward to claim me. He listed me on the PETFINDER Internet Classified, but still no response. He and his wife took me to Town & Country Animal Clinic to see if I had a microchip, which I did not. He continued to call the phone numbers of my house and my neighbors in Waggamann to no avail. Finally he called the police department and had them send an officer out to my house as they could now get there; but my owners were not there as when they attempted to return home, they had to re-evacuate to Shreveport because of another storm, RITA.

At last the phone lines were restored and the man was able to get through to my house; however the answering machine took his message. My owners called in on their cell phone and when they got the message called the number in Houston. Now we are all excited as we have made contact; however I am in Houston and have no way to get back to my home in New Orleans. I was wondering if you knew of some organization or company that would help me get reunited with my family. I would be ever so grateful to you if you could give me any assistance. You can reach me at the phone number and address above.

Best regards,

Your Friend,

SCOOBY

10/3/05 Update: The owner is now back at home in Waggamann and we are trying to get SCOOBY back home. Continental Airlines will fly him home for about \$200.00 but we must have a physical examination by a veterinarian and a cage to ship him in. (I have a cage, which I will give him, and I'm working on getting the physical done.) Now we are hoping some organization will help pay for the cargo fare to get SCOOBY reunited with his family.

10/4/05 Update: Red Oak Kennel is having a physical examination by their Vet. Continental Airlines has four flights daily to Louie Armstrong (New Orleans International) airport. As soon as all of the work is done here and the owners can meet the airline, SCOOBY will be going home. Perhaps this Friday, if not sooner.

10/4/05 Later Update: Special thanks to kind generous man who has just donated the money to help purchase SCOOBY a ticket on Continental Airlines. SCOOBY will be going home Friday.

10/6/05 Update from Scooby: Thanks to Red Oak Kennel and Brittmore Animal Clinic, I have had my physical and have a reservation for Friday on Continental Airlines, Flight #223. Thank you Tallowood Baptist Church and the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Houston.

10/7/05 Update: SCOOBY is HOME AGAIN with his family who are eternally grateful for all the people that cared for him while he was displaced due to the hurricane.