

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Who turned off the lights?

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As the weathermen warned about the historic low temperatures approaching the beautiful Texas Hill Country, A Doggie 4 You prepared for the snow and cold....or so we thought! We housed 35 dogs, in addition to our own rescues, at our indoor, heated shelter buildings for another dog rescue with only outdoor kennels. Then, an additional seven dogs arrived from the Valley on an emergency transport just before the storm hit. Little did we know the Texas electric grid was soon doomed to almost complete failure!

U.S. newscasters reported the historic results of the long power outages, followed by rolling power outages which resulted in plumbing issues. Water pipes burst, damages to property ensued, deaths due to hyperthermia, and no water service for millions of Texans and their pets. A Doggie 4 You is incredibly thankful the Petfinder Foundation came to our aid when recently awarding our rescue a \$2,000 Disaster Emergency Grant to replace the stockpile of dog food and puppy pads lost due to water damage.

The Petfinder Foundation grant also provided funds to assist with the utility bill during the historic low temperatures. All of the dogs were safe under the watchful eye of round-the-clock rescue staff ensuring all dogs were fed, water bowls were not frozen, had clean kennels, and were getting exercise during the extreme weather event.