

MINE

Discussion Guide

1. Do you think the government should have been more involved in the animal rescue effort following Hurricane Katrina? If so, in what way?
2. Should the National Guard have extracted people like Gloria from their homes without their consent? Should they have taken the animals as well?
3. At one point, Karen, one of the animal rescuers says: "I would hope Katrina opened up our eyes enough to the sorrowful situation of the animals in our nation." Do you think it did? What other positive changes or developments have occurred in the wake of Katrina?
4. Do you think class or racial prejudice factor into any of the stories in MINE? Explain your answer.
5. Do you agree with the current law that treats animals as property? If not, how should this law be rectified?
6. How would you compare the style of MINE to other documentaries you have seen? Why do you suppose the filmmaker chose to focus the film on such personal stories?
7. In your opinion, who are the heroes in this story? The rescue workers, the adoptive owners, the original owners, the pets, the shelters, the lawyers, or someone else? Explain your answer.