



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

By being prepared with a well-thought-out disaster plan for different types of disasters, you can potentially save your pet's life in case of an emergency.

Some general tips for planning:

- Make sure your pet wears at least two forms of current identification. You may want to consider a microchip implant, combined with tags on a collar. Also, keep the information current if you have registered with any lost and found databases.
- Be sure to place permanent, waterproof "Pets Inside" stickers on your front and back doors or windows to alert emergency workers that pets are in your home. If possible, list the number and types of animals in your household. Should you be unable to go home to retrieve your pets during a disaster, this sticker could help rescue workers find your pets in your home.
- Start a buddy system with a neighbor. Ask him or her to check on your pet during a disaster if you are not home. Agree to do the same for him or her. Exchange information on veterinarians.
- Check to make sure your pet's vaccinations are up to date. Keep an extra copy of your pet's health information in your pet disaster/emergency kit.

Assemble a Disaster Kit

- **FOOD:** One to two week supply of the dry or canned food your pet usually eats. (While stored, make sure to replace the food according to expiration dates.) Also include a spoon, food dish and if you used canned food, a can opener. Record your pet's eating habits (amount and times) as well as any allergies your pet may have and keep the record with the other paperwork in this kit. Store the food in a waterproof container or a protective bag or case.
- **WATER:** One to two week supply in gallon sized plastic containers. (Make sure to replace stored water regularly to ensure freshness.) Include a collapsible or travel water bowl that is easy to store.
- **CLEANING SUPPLIES:** To clean litter boxes and crates.
- **CAT LITTER:** One to two week supply plus a small plastic litter box and litter scoop. You can opt for disposable litter boxes that come pre-made with litter.
- **PHOTOGRAPHS:** In case you need to distribute pictures if your pet gets lost.



- **VACCINE RECORDS/MEDICAL HISTORY:** Copies of important veterinary documents, such as vaccination records, medical history, medical conditions, records of important test results (FeLV/FIV).
- **VETERINARY INFORMATION:** Write down the name, address and phone number of your vet and an alternate veterinarian. Write out a release statement, authorizing medical treatments for your pets. Write down your pet insurance policy number, if you have one.
- **PROOF OF OWNERSHIP/ANIMAL INFORMATION:** Copies of registration information, adoption papers, proof of purchase, microchip, tattoo or other identification information.
- **LIST OF EMERGENCY CONTACTS**
- **MEDICATIONS:** List each pet separately and include dose and frequency for each medication. Keep a two week reserve supply, with directions on how to administer. If possible, keep the medication in the original container that it came in. Replace according to expiration dates. Don't forget reserve doses of flea/tick medications and heartworm preventatives.
- **SPARE OR EXTRA COLLARS, LEASHES OR HARNESES**
- **BEDDING OR PETS BLANKETS**
- **IDENTIFICATION TAGS:** If possible, have the ability to write your temporary location or contact information on the tags. (A self-stick label would work with a piece of packing tape over it as an example.)
- **BRUSHES, COMBS AND GROOMING SUPPLIES**
- **TOYS**
- **ANIMAL CRATES OR CARRIERS:** Label with your contact information; make sure the animal has room to move around and it is safe for the pet (latches and bolts should be secure).
- **PET FIRST-AID KIT**