

 GET STORM READY

PET SAFETY

HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE – NOVEMBER

We love our pets, and we know you do, too. So help protect them when a storm strikes. Whether you evacuate or shelter-in-place, these helpful tips are designed to keep your pet safe and comfortable.



PROTECT YOUR PET

Family pets are important members of the household, so be sure that your Hurricane Disaster Plan includes them.

- Pack a grab-bag.
- Microchip your pet.
- Exercise pets prior to leaving if possible, so they won't have pent-up stress or energy.
- Make a buddy system with a friend or neighbor to pick-up your pet in the event you are not home.
- Prepare to leave early — don't wait for official evacuation orders.
- Identify pet-friendly shelters in advance — refer to county emergency management webpage.
- Plan your route and backup route to your destination.
- Mark the crate/carrier with your name, phone number, and/or your vet's phone number.
- Always keep your pet on a leash or in a carrier/crate while traveling, and reward them at your destination.
- Once the storm has passed, inspect your home for any hazards that may be dangerous for your pet.
- Monitor their behavior for disorientation, aggression or defensiveness — allow for them to reacclimate to their environment.

GRAB-BAG CHECKLIST

Being prepared with the essentials can help reduce you and your pet's stress and anxiety.

- Pet insurance information
- Pet medical records and medications
- Pet ID collar, rabies tag, and microchip number
- Leashes, harness, muzzle (if required)
- Crate/carrier — should be large enough for the pets to stand and turn around
- Recent photo of you and your pet in case you are separated
- Waterproof container/bag
- Food and water — minimum of three days
- Can opener
- Cat litter and litter box
- Trash bags and newspapers
- Comfort items such as blankets or toys

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