

 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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