



# Hurricane Preparedness Checklist for Pets



*Hurricane season runs from **June 1 through November 30**, but having a plan for your pet's safety is beneficial year-round. You can use this checklist to ensure that you and your pet are ready in any emergency.*

## **1. Consider these options for your pet's location during a hurricane.**

- Take your pet to a friend's or family member's house or a hotel outside the threat zone. Make arrangements ahead of time to avoid last-minute surprises and confusion.
- Keep your pet with you in a secure, storm-prepared shelter location. Find evacuation shelters that accept pets ahead of time.
- Leave your pet with a friend in a safe zone or make boarding arrangements with a veterinary clinic or kennel. Talk to the kennel about advance registration and requirements like shots.

## **2. Keep your pet prepared at all times.**

- Keep your pet up-to-date on their shots and maintain proper paperwork. Make sure your pet has a microchip and is wearing vaccination tags. Keep electronic and paper copies of your pet's current medical records. Maintain an up-to-date photo of your pet.

## **3. Create a disaster kit for pet supplies in case of an evacuation.**

- Portable carrier (large enough for the pet to stand up and turn around)
- Extra leash, collar, and ID tag
- Pet food: at least two weeks of dry food in a water-tight container or canned food (include a manual can opener)
- Water: at least two weeks of clean water (large dogs need 1 gallon per day)
- Up-to-date health and immunization records
- Medications (flea and tick preventative, a two-month supply of heartworm prevention medication, all prescription medications)
- Litter/newspapers for clean-up
- Toys and treats
- Towels
- First-aid supplies
- A recent photo of you with your pet

Take inventory of your supplies and review all records periodically so your pet can be safe and cared for during a hurricane or any disaster.