

Taking care of your pets

Before the hurricane

- Be sure your pets have up-to-date vaccines. Pet shelters may require proof.
- Have a current photo.
- Keep a collar on your pet. It should identify your pet. Consider giving your pet a microchip for permanent security.
- Have a leash on hand.
- Have a properly sized pet carrier for each animal.
 - Carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand and turn around.
 - Plan your evacuation strategy. Do not forget your pet! Some places to keep your pet out of harm's way:
 - Specialized pet shelters.
 - Animal control shelters.
 - Veterinary clinics.
 - Friends and relatives.
- If you plan to shelter your pet, work it into your evacuation route plan.

Pet disaster supply kit

- Proper identification. Include immunization records.
- Ample supply of food and water.
- A carrier or cage.
- Medicines.
- Collar and leash. Consider a muzzle if you think your pet may be fearful.

During the hurricane

- Bring pets indoors well before a storm. Reassure them and remain calm.
- Animals brought to a pet shelter must have:
 - Identification collar and rabies tag.
 - Identification on all belongings.
 - A carrier or cage.
 - A leash.
 - Food, water and food bowls.
- Necessary medicines.
 - Care instructions.
 - Newspapers or trash bags for clean-up.
- Pet shelters may be filled. Call ahead for availability.

After the hurricane

- Walk pets on a leash until they adjust. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered. Pets could be confused and become lost. Other threats for animals:
 - Downed power lines.
 - Reptiles brought in with high water.
 - Debris.
- If your pet is lost after the disaster, contact the local animal control office. You can find out where lost animals can be found. Bring a picture of your pet if possible.
- Animals can become aggressive or defensive after a disaster. Watch their behavior.

More pet resources

- *American Humane Association:*
www.americanhumane.org/animals/programs/emergency-services
- *FEMA Information for Pet Owners:* www.fema.gov/individual/animals.shtm
- *Bring Your Pet:* www.petswelcome.com

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