

Storm Preparedness and Your Pets

Keep this downloadable mobile-friendly checklist handy.

PREPARE

Gather the Essentials

Prepare for the safe evacuation of your pet(s) *before* an emergency. Gather essential information and place in an easily accesible folder. Include items such as:

- a list of kennels and pet-friendly hotels outside your area with directions and contact information
- photos of you and your pet(s) in the event that you are separated and need to prove ownership
- proof of vaccinations should you need to board your pet(s) or enter an evacuation shelter
- a list of pet prescriptions with dosage instructions Be sure each pet(s) microchip information is up-to-date and place this information in your folder as well.

PLAN

Do Your Homework

Request information from county emergency officials about evacuation routes for your area. Does your county provide pet-friendly emergency shelter for owners and their pets? If so, inquire with county emergency officials about items you will need to bring with you. These items will likely include: microchip and rabies tag numbers, vaccination records and medications. In some shelters, food, water and a blanket may also be needed.

PACK

Make a Pet Emergency Kit

Create a separate emergency kit for your pet(s). Keep this kit with those prepared for your family and include:

- · collars, id tags, leashes and harnesses
- a one-week supply of pet food, opting for pop top cans if your pet eats canned food
- medications and flea/tick preventative
- disposable plastic bags, dish soap and disenfectant
- food and water bowls, a utensil and one week supply of bottled water
- a flashlight, blankets, towels, washcloths, toys and treats
- pet carriers or crates