

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. Identify your options for your pet's location during a hurricane by considering these options.

- Take your pet with you to a friend 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. Identify 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. Make sure you request a list of kennel requirements like shots and note advance registration options.



2. Keep your pet prepared at all times.

- Maintain up-to-date vaccinations and proper identification.
- Have your pet implanted with a microchip and make sure they are wearing current shot tags at all times.
- Keep electronic and paper copies of your pet's current medical records.
- Keep an up-to-date pet photograph available.

3. Have the following supplies available in case of an evacuation.

- Portable carrier (large enough for the pet to stand up and turn around in)
- Extra leash, collar, and identification tag
- Pet food – maintain at least a two-week supply of dry food in a water-tight container or canned food (include a manual can opener)



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- Water – at least a two-week supply of clean water – large dogs need one 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

Be sure to inventory your supplies and review all records periodically, so your pet can be safe and cared for in the event of a hurricane or any disaster.