

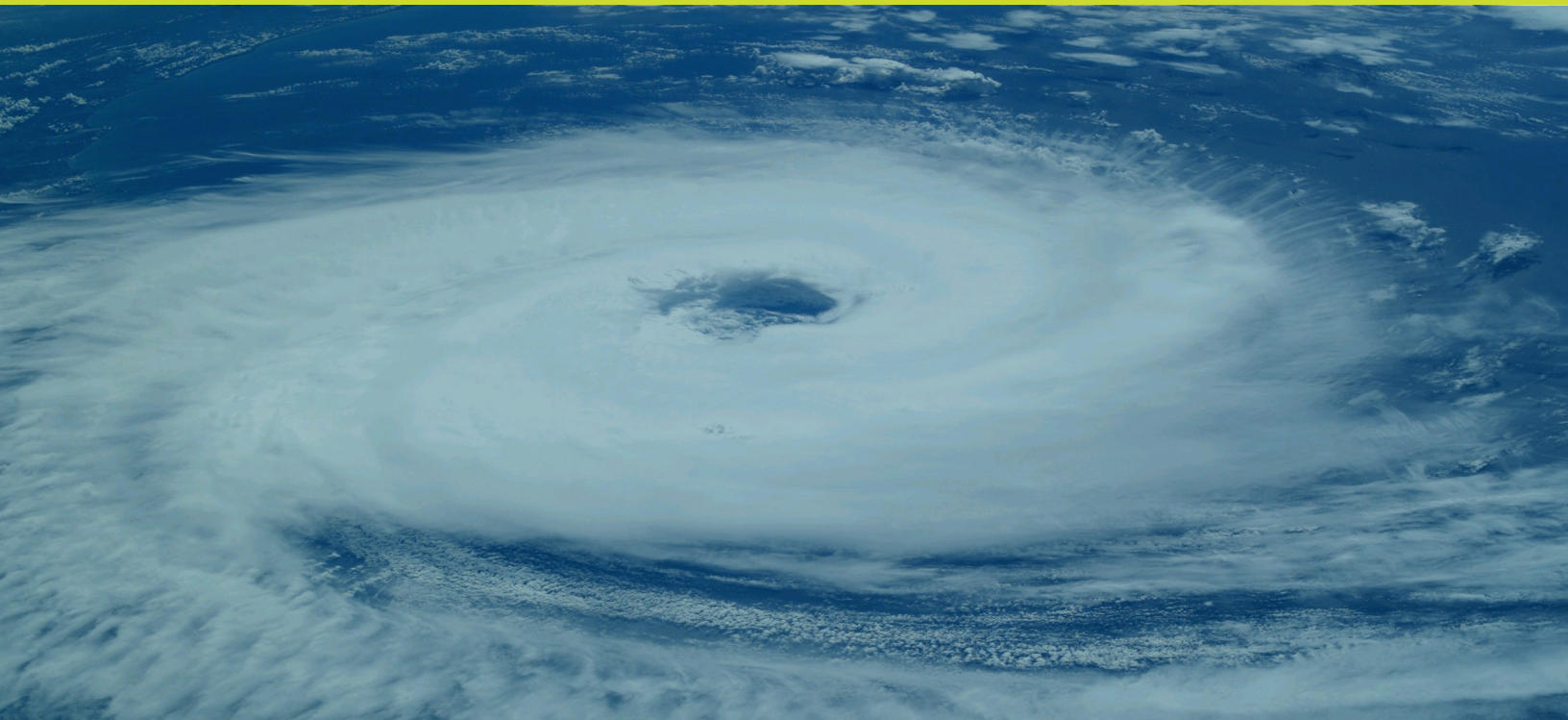


HURRICANE PREPARATION

PET DISASTER KIT



Ensure your furry family members stay safe



PET SAFETY IN EMERGENCIES

Disasters can happen without warning, so be prepared:

- Make sure your pet(s) wear collars and tags with up-to-date contact information and other identification.
- Microchip your pet(s) – this is one of the best ways to ensure that you and your pet are reunited if you are separated. Always be sure to register the microchip with the manufacturer and keep your contact information up to date with the microchip company.
- Keep a leash and/or carrier near the exit.
- Make sure you have proper equipment for pets to ride in the car (carriers, harnesses, pet seatbelts).

MAKE A PLAN

- Plan where you and your pet will stay in case you need to evacuate your home. Pets may not be allowed in local shelters unless they are service animals. Many disaster evacuation centers (such as Red Cross evacuation centers) do not accept pets and other animals.
- Identify shelters or out-of-town friends or relatives where your pets and other animals can stay.
- Locate boarding facilities or animal hospitals near your evacuation shelter and in the case, you are unable to return home right away.
- Create a buddy system in case you are not home during an emergency. Ask a trusted neighbor who can check on your animals and can evacuate your animals if necessary.
- Locate a veterinarian or animal hospital in the area where you may be seeking temporary shelter and add the veterinarian's contact information to your emergency kit.

PRACTICE EVACUATING YOUR PET

- Train your pets to be in their carriers by making it a comfortable place.
- Practice transporting your pet by taking them for rides in a vehicle like one you would be evacuating in. If you do not have a car, make arrangements with neighbors, family, and friends. You can also contact your local government to learn about transportation options during a disaster.
- Know where your pet might hide when stressed or scared. Practice catching your pet, if needed.
- For cats, you can practice removing your cat from his/her hiding spot and using your cat's carrier, a pillowcase, a sturdy box – anything to get your cat quickly out of harm's way.
- Have your entire family practice evacuating with your pets so everyone knows what to take, where to find the pets, and where to meet.

PET CHECKLIST

- Photocopied veterinary records
 - Rabies certificate
 - Vaccinations
 - Medical summary
 - Prescriptions for medications
 - Most recent heartworm test result (dogs)
 - Most recent FeLV/FIV test result (cats)
- Photocopied registration information (ex: proof of ownership or adoption records)
- Pet description(s) (ex: breed, sex, color, weight)
- Recent photographs of each of your pets
- Waterproof container for documents
- Microchip information (ex: microchip number, name, and number of the microchip company)
- Your contact information (phone numbers and addresses for your family and friends or relatives you may be staying with)

WATER, FOOD, MEDICATIONS

- 2-week supply of food for each animal stored in waterproof containers
- 2-week supply of water for each animal
- Non-spill food and water dishes
- Manual can opener
- Feeding instructions for each animal
- 2-week supply of any medications (if applicable)
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- 1-month supply of flea, tick, and heartworm preventative

OTHER SUPPLIES

- Leash, collar with ID, and harness
- Litter and litterbox (cats)
- Toys
- Appropriate-sized pet carrier with bedding, blanket, or towel
- Pet first aid book and first aid kit
- Cleaning supplies for accidents (paper towels, plastic bags, disinfectant)