



The Animal House



Greetings,

Hurricane and summer storm season is here once again. Whether it's a full-blown hurricane or a summer storm with heavy wind, the potential for damage and danger are best dealt with in a "Prepare for the worst, but hope for the best" approach.

Here are a few key things to help prepare you and your pet for hurricane and storm season:

- Always have several days' worth of food and clean water on hand for you, your family and your pet.
- Make sure your pet is identified with a tag and, ideally, a microchip. Your pet's tag should include several phone numbers for you and even for a relative or friend out of the area.
- A pet first aid kit is a necessity year-round, but especially during hurricane season.
- Pack up an emergency travel kit for your pet in case of evacuation, with an extra identification tag, collar, and leash, food & water bowls, litter & trays for cats, disposable garbage bags for messes, disinfectant, food, bottled water, medications, a flashlight, a blanket, photos of your pet, and a travel crate/kennel if you have one. Be sure to change out food and medication after they've been in your kit for a while!
- Plan ahead! Arrange a safe haven (a non-local veterinary office, a boarding kennel, motels or a friend/relative out of the area, etc.) for your pet if evacuation is necessary. Not all disaster shelters accept pets, so keep this in mind when planning your evacuation.
- Remember: if it's not safe for you, it's not safe for your pet! Please don't leave your pet behind.

The American Veterinary Medical Association has produced a brief video with tips for preparing and caring for pets and livestock during disasters.



If you are unable to view this video within your email, please [click here to view it on YouTube](#).

The Red Cross has created a great tool for pet owners, a "Pets and Disaster Safety Checklist" [Click here to download the PDF](#) and use the checklist to make sure you're prepared. You can also download and install their FREE hurricane alert app, available in the [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#) app stores.

And here's a great way for kids to be knowledgeable about and ready for hurricanes: [click here to download Ready Wrigley Prepares for Hurricanes](#), a fun activity book provided by the CDC.

Additional information on preparing for, recognizing, and staying safe during hurricanes and tropical storms can be found on the CDC website. [Click here to visit their hurricane information center](#).

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your pet. As always, we thank you for trusting us with your pet's care!

Sincerely,
The Team at The Animal House



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