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Pets and Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season is "getting real" in August and September. You know the drill. There are dozens of articles to help YOU prepare. How about your best buddy?

Make a Plan

A good plan reduces stress during an emergency, for your and your pet. (We are going to assume you would leave your spouse behind before you would leave your pet.)

Some DO AHEAD items:

You might have to evacuate: Most shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside. Research online where you can take your pets before a storm is headed your way.

If you can't manage: Enlist neighbors, friends or relatives to care for/evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.

Microchip: Check that your address and phone are current. Include contact information for someone outside of the storm area. Take a photo of your pet and you with your phone. It will help

identify for a search and prove ownership should your buddy take off.

Crate: Long before a storm, have a traveling bag or sturdy carrier for each pet.

Pet Emergency Kit

Bottom-line basics for survival: food and water. Create several manageable, water-tight containers/jugs, if you are sheltering in place you can use them and if you need to evacuate you can pack/access smaller items more easily.

Food: Keep a two-week or more supply of food in airtight containers. Break it down, a 20 pound bag of kibble is not airtight nor waterproof. Pets get fussy about food and this is no time to experiment with a new brand.

Water: You need a water bowl and several gallons of water.

Medicine: Get an airtight container and pack all of the medicine your pet takes on a regular basis. Wouldn't hurt to add a list of those meds and copies of your pet's registration information and other relevant documents (or take a photo on your phone) for future reference.

First aid kit: A typical first aid kit could be handy. Pack pet shampoo, in case your pet needs some cleaning up. Check with your vet about meds like Pepto Bismal or Benadryl.

Dress for the occasion: Collar with ID tag worn at all times and a harness or leash. Write your phone number on your

pet's belly with permanent marker. Pets get spooked and run away easily.

Sanitation: Plan for litter needs over an extended time (again, waterproof packages are better) and a (travel) litter box for cats. Stockpile newspapers for dogs. Paper towels, trash bags and household bleach will come in handy.

Last but not least: Put favorite toys, treats or a couple of your worn but not washed T-shirts in your kit. Familiar items can reduce stress for your pet.

Leaving Home

Don't let evacuation day be the first time your pet is put in its transport carrier. Leave the open carrier in places your pet is comfortable. Feed them treats near or inside the carrier. Place a familiar blanket or shirt inside.

As you stop during travel, don't open any vehicle door while there is an unsecured pet inside. If they escape, they may run away.

Whether you stay or evacuate, your dog or cat needs to be included in your emergency plan.

FEMA has more suggestions on how to prepare with your pets in mind.

