



Saving Animals Nationwide One at a Time!

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Hurricane Pets Rescue Inc. (HPR) has put together a before, during and after the storm safety tips for pet owners to keep their pets safe.

Preparing in advance is the key, if you are in an evacuation zone, do not wait until the last minute, the earlier you evacuate the safer it will be for you and pets alike.

Things to do “before” the storm:

1. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS ALONE.

We strongly recommend that you take your pets with you, but in the event that you have absolutely no other choice:

- Please DO NOT CONFINE YOUR PET’S.
- Turn off the electrical power to your entire house, to avoid electrical fires to avoid your pet from getting electrocuted.
- Never leave lamps plugged in or candles on for your pets.
- Leave food and water for at least a week.

Place a large dish with water under the dish of your pet’s food dish, to avoid ants and other critters from crawling into the food.

Place dish high off the ground on a counter or table.

DO not confine to one room or tie your pet to anything.

In the event of flooding your pet’s need to be able to move freely throughout your home to survive.

If you leave and when you leave your home, paint, YES paint your door with spray paint with these words:

PETS INSIDE, CATS – DOGS, ETC. and the number of pets.

2. Gather and take with you recent photos of your pets.

Print them out and place them in Ziplock bags.

Prepare flyers with photo of your pet and contact information and have them with you in case your pet is lost you will have the flyers ready to go.

Remember to add alternate contact information to the flyers as cell phones may not be working.

3. Microchip your pets or put collar and ID tags on them with as much information as you can fit in the tag.

Telephone numbers, name, address, if the pet takes medications, etc.

If your pets are microchipped already please call your microchip company to make sure your microchip information is up to date.

4. Have a plan and follow that plan. Pick a leader and follow the leader!

Know where you are going and know in advance safe routes to take to get to destination.

Call ahead, so you know which evacuation shelters are near you that allows pets and ask what their requirements are.

5. As you pack for yourself, pack for you pets.

What to pack:

- Medications (at least a 2 week supply).
- Your pet's medical (vaccination records).
- Leashes
- Carriers.

Portable carriers should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around, lay down and fit a litter box.

Carriers should be one carrier per pet.

Cardboard boxes are not approved pet carriers and are not secure, do not transport your pet in a cardboard box.

Never put 2 pets in the same carrier even if they are bonded.

- Water bowls, food bowls.
- Cages, metal wire cages.
- Muzzle, if your pet is aggressive towards other pets or people.
- Litter Boxes.
- Wee Wee pads.
- Bottle water (at least a 2 week supply)
- Food, both wet and dry (at least a 2 week supply)

Even if your pet doesn't eat can food, it is wise to pack a supply of it.

Dry food can get wet and spoil in the event of flooding.

Keep pets on the same diet if you evacuate to a friend or relative home or if you have evacuees come to your home, please instruct everyone not to give your pets any other food that isn't theirs.

Most veterinary clinics and emergency clinics near where you are going may not be open, therefore you do not want to add to your pets being ill because of table scraps or foods that they aren't accustomed to eating.

- Battery operated candles and flashlights.
- Bed and blankets for your pet so they have a familiar scent.
- Toys.
- Sanitation materials, such as waste pick up bags, litter scoops, etc.

6. Help an elderly neighbor or disable one with their pets.

7. Call hotels, boarding facilities, shelters and family ahead of time to make sure they are ok with you bringing your pets with you.

8. Offer to foster a pet in need at a public shelter until the storm passes.

These animals are homeless and many shelters DO euthanize when a disaster strikes.

9. Practice unloading and loading your pets into carries and if you have cats know in advance where you cats may hide when in distress and scare.

10. A small cooler with ice for pet medications that needs to be refrigerated.

11. Pack and emergency kit for your pets that contains:

- Absorbent gauze pads
- Adhesive tape

- Cotton balls or swabs
 - Fresh 3% hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting (always check with veterinarian or animal poison control expert before giving to your pet)
 - Ice pack
 - Disposable gloves
 - Scissors with blunt end
 - Tweezers
 - OTC antibiotic ointment
 - Oral syringe or turkey baster
 - Liquid dishwashing detergent.
 - Towels
 - Small flashlight
 - Alcohol wipes
 - Styptic powder
 - Saline eye solution
 - Artificial tear gel
 - Phone number, clinic name, address of your veterinarian as well as local veterinary emergency clinics nearby of where you are going.
12. Bring your pets indoors and never ever leave pets in a car.
 13. Secure pet doors and gates so your pet cannot go outside on his or her own.
Walk your pets on a leash even if in your yard.
 14. Have a buddy system and exchange pet information, evacuation plans and house keys with friends family and neighbor's in the event that you cannot get to your pets on time your buddies can evacuate your pets for you.
 15. If you care for feral cat colonies please follow the guidelines of Alley Cat Allies for feral cats caregivers here: <https://www.alleycat.org/texas-residents-and-animals-in-path-of-powerful-hurricane/>

Things to do "during" the storm:

1. Choose a room in your home for you and your pets to be together and stay in that room, until the storm passes.
This way, In the event that things go south and you need to evacuate in a hurry you will know exactly where your pets are.
2. Carriers, leashes should be in that room.
3. Keys, flashlights and an AX (in case your home exits are blocked).
Safe routes information and shelter information that allow pets, should be in that room and with you as well and in an accessible place.
Shoes, always wear shoes in the event that you need to get out in a hurry or have them handy.
Preferably rubber shoes for isolation from the ground.
4. Do not give your pets any tranquilizers, you may resort to "Rescue Remedy" an all-natural stress reliever but that is about it.
Your pet needs to be alert to be able to relay on his on her survival instincts if things get bad.
5. Stay calm, your pets will be stressed already as they feel these storms 10 times more than humans do.

A calm pet owner, makes a calmer pet.

6. Remember to comfort and re-assure your pet and provide play time for them as well.
A little catnip for cats goes a long way and even for moment takes their senses out of storm mode.

Storm aftermath.

1. Assess the area for damages and danger such as power lines being down and contaminated water.
2. DO NOT let your animals outside unless you know for a fact that is it safe for you and them to be out.
3. Walk dogs on a leash. Distressed animals can run away and because of all the different smells from the storm they may become confused and not be able to find their way back home.
4. Keep cats confined to a room or in carriers until things are back to normal.
5. Always use battery operated candles, regular candles are easily tipped over by pets and they become a great fire hazard.
6. Be on the lock out for neighbor's pets that may be lost.
7. Never light barbecues inside your home or turn generators on inside your home.
8. Keep Lighter fluid and matches away from pets at all times.
9. In case your pets are lost, familiarize yourself with organization that are helping storm victims locate lost and found pets.

Check social media sites and rescue groups in your area post on our facebook page or e-mails us at info@hurricanepetsrescue.org or our disaster relief department at:

DFAssistance@hurricanepetsrescue.org E- Mail is the fastest way to contact us.

Check local county shelters, post flyers, put familiar scents like a dirty T shirts with your scent around your home, etc.

Leave a dirty litter box in your home, if your pet is lost you can put the litter box outside to help your pet find his or her scent.

Be safe, plan ahead, and stay safe with your pets, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your critters!

We are here for you and we are ready!

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