



AFTER THE STORM

Don't allow your pets to roam loose. Familiar landmarks and smells might be gone, and your pet will probably be disoriented. Pets can easily get lost in such situations. For a few days keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers inside the house. If your house is damaged, they could escape and become lost. Try to get your pets back into their normal routine as soon as possible and be ready for behavioral problems that may result from stress of the situation. Talk with your veterinarian if problems persist.



For Information on Safe Guarding Pets & Animals during emergencies contact:

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The Humane Society of the United States
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**How do I Prepare My Family for Disaster?
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CAROLINE COUNTY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS GUIDELINES

FOR SMALL PETS

What you can do to prepare!



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Pets & Disaster How to be Prepared

Every year our country is devastated by disasters. Hurricanes, floods, wildfires, hazardous material spills—they can strike anytime, anywhere. You may think that you will never

have to evacuate, however you may be mistaken. It is extremely



important that you make preparations ahead of time to evacuate your family and pets in any situation. If a disaster were to strike and evacuation become necessary proper preparation will ensure the safety of your family and pets.

There are steps that you can take to be better prepared to care for your pets in a disaster. Here are some tips to help you put together a plan for your pets during an emergency situation.

IF YOU EVACUATE, TAKE YOUR PETS WITH YOU

One of the easiest ways to protect your pets during an evacuation is to take them with you. If it's not safe for you to stay in the disaster area, it's not safe for your pets. Animals left behind, inside the house, or turned loose to fend for themselves are likely to become victims of exposure, starvation, or contaminated food or water.

- If you leave, even if you think you'll only be gone a few hours, take your pets with you. Once evacuated you may not be able to go back for your pets.
- Leave early—don't wait for a mandatory evacuation order. An unnecessary trip is far better than waiting too long to leave safely with your pets. If you wait to be evacuated by emergency officials, you may be told to leave your pets behind.

FIND A SAFE PLACE AHEAD OF TIME

Most evacuation shelter's do not accept pets, except for service animals. You must plan ahead to ensure that your family and pets will have a safe place to stay. Don't wait until a disaster strikes to do your research.

- Contact hotels outside your immediate area. Check on their policies on accepting pets. Ask about any restrictions on number, size, and species. Ask if "no pet" policies would be waived in an emergency situation.
- Check with friends, relatives or others outside



your immediate area. Ask if they would be able to shelter you and your animals if necessary.

- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices that might be able to shelter animals in emergencies; include 24 hour telephone numbers.

ASSEMBLE A PORTABLE PET DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

Whether you're away from home for a day or a week, you'll need essential supplies. Keep



items in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily

(duffle bags, covered trash containers, etc.). Your pet disaster supplies kit should include:

- Medications and medical records stored in a watertight container.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport pets safely.
- Identification tags on your pets collars & carriers with current information (pet's name, your name, & phone number).
- Current photos and descriptions of your pets.
- Food and water for at least three days for each pet, and bowls.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavioral problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian.
- Pet beds and toys to reduce stress.