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Hurricane Prep Checklist for Pets

Broward.org/Hurricane

Pet-Friendly Shelters

Pre-registration Not Required

 **Everglades High School**

17100 SW 48th Court
Miramar, FL 33027

 **Lyons Creek Middle School**

4333 Sol Press Blvd.
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

 **Falcon Cove Middle School**

4251 Bonaventure Blvd.
Weston, FL 33332

If you are ordered to evacuate due to a hurricane, you must take your pets with you. Leaving them behind is considered abandonment and against the law. During the start of hurricane season, you must have a plan in place that determines where you and your pets will go before a storm threatens.



Prepare Ahead of Time

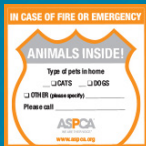
- 🐾 Contact your veterinarian for a list of preferred boarding kennels and facilities
- 🐾 Identify hotels or motels outside of the evacuation area that accept pets
- 🐾 Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they would be willing to temporarily take your pet
- 🐾 Although your animals may be more comfortable together, be prepared to house them separately
- 🐾 Make sure your pet is treated for heartworm, fleas and is up-to-date on vaccinations
- 🐾 Consider getting your pet microchipped
- 🐾 Make sure that your dogs and cats are wearing collars with a Broward County pet license tag and identification

Emergency Pet Kit

Just as you prepare an emergency kit for the people in your house, think about what your pet(s) will need in case you need to evacuate due to a hurricane.

- 🐾 Current photos of you with your pet(s) in case they get lost
- 🐾 Copies of pet medical records stored in a waterproof container including information regarding any medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and number of your veterinarian
- 🐾 Food and water bowls
- 🐾 Two-week supply of food, water and medications

- 🐾 Leashes and collars
- 🐾 Feeding schedule(s)
- 🐾 Puppy pee pads, paper towels, cleaning supplies and garbage bags. Your dog will not be able to go to the bathroom outside until the storm clears
- 🐾 Litter box, scoop and extra litter for cats
- 🐾 Treats and toys
- 🐾 Crate or sturdy carrier



If you Have to Leave Your Furry Family Members Behind...

The ASPCA recommends using a rescue sticker alert so people know that pets are inside your home. If you've already evacuated with them, write "EVACUATED" across the sticker so rescuers don't waste time looking for them.

Make sure it is visible to rescue workers, and that it includes the number of pets in your household and your veterinarian's phone number. Visit **ASPCA.org** to get a Rescue Alert Sticker.

After the Storm

Your pet's behavior may change dramatically after a hurricane. For example, they may become aggressive or defensive. Also, pets may become disoriented, particularly if the disaster has affected scent markers that normally allow them to find their home.

- 🐾 Evaluate your pet for wounds or other injuries. Check for changes in energy level, changes in appetite, coughing, sneezing, or discharge from the nose, vomiting or diarrhea
- 🐾 Watch your pets closely when they go out as fences and gates may have been damaged during the storm
- 🐾 Be aware of hazards at nose and paw level, particularly debris, spilled chemicals, fertilizers and other substances
- 🐾 Consult your veterinarian if any behavior problems persist





For updated hurricane information, monitor Broward.org/Hurricane, local television stations and @ReadyBroward on Twitter.

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