

7 Tips For Pet Owners During Hurricane Season



1. Be Informed

Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to the local emergency station and monitor TV, radio, and mobile alerts about severe weather.



2. Make a Plan

Before the storm, check with veterinarians and kennels in safe zones to see whether they can board your pets.



3. Get Your Kit On

Include about a week's worth of food, bottled water, a sturdy carrier and leash or harness. Medicine and medical records for your pet should all be placed in waterproof containers.



4. Staying In

Keep your pet in an enclosed space so that the animal feels safe and calm. Knowing your pet's favorite hiding spot is important; you don't want to be tracking down a terrified pet during the chaos.



5. Stay Calm

Pets can sense storms days before any radar can pick them up. Pets can sense our emotions, so a calming demeanor can ensure a less-panicked pet.



6. Manage Pet Anxiety

Going to a shelter can be very stressful for pets, so if you take your pet in a carrier, include items with family scents. It will make your pet feel more relaxed.



7. Worst Case Scenarios

Separated from your pet? Contact the animal control agency in the area you last saw your pet. There are websites that also have information on animals rescued during the hurricanes.