

How to Prepare Your Pets for a Hurricane

1. Make sure you have at least 2 weeks' worth of medication on hand.

It is essential to make sure you have 14 days of prescription medications, as well as heartworm and flea preventives. Pack them in a bag with your pet's essentials and write down your current administration schedule just in case. Contact our office ASAP if you would like some anxiety medication for our pet during this stressful time.

2. Have a weeks' worth of food and water.

Carry a minimum of 1 weeks' worth of food for your pets. This will help ensure you have enough food for your pets during this stressful time. Carry bottled water for your pets as well. During this time, it might be difficult to get your hands on clean water. We recommend 24 ounces per day for a 20 pound dog and 8 ounces a day for a 10 pound cat.

3. Emergency kit

Make sure to create an emergency kit for yourself but also for your pets. During this time, you may not be able to drive to get things for minor injuries. So, make sure to include tweezers, bandages and antibiotic cream.

4. Make sure your pets microchip is up to date

Anything can happen during a hurricane. We make it a priority to keep a close eye on our pets, but just in case make sure their microchip is up to date with the correct veterinary office information and your address. This is so important!

-Here is a link to check your pet's microchip. [Look Up Pet Microchip](#)

5. Bring Your Outdoor Pets INSIDE

This might come as common sense to some, but if your pets are outside pets BRING THEM INSIDE. As soon as the local news releases information stating a hurricane is coming, bring them inside immediately.

6. Give Them LOTS of LOVE

Lastly, give them LOTS of love. This is an extremely stressful time for them as well. Dogs can sense when a storm is coming and the loud noise coming from the storm may cause them to have bad anxiety. Support them and give them tons of cuddles to remind them that everything is going to be ok. Contact our office ASAP if you would like some anxiety medication for our pet during this stressful time.

Recommended pages to help you prepare for the storm:

<http://www.nwclimate.org/severe-weather/hurricane-preparation-guide/pets-safety/>

<https://petsfirsthospital.com/prepare-pet-hurricane-season/>

<https://www.humane.org/services/preparing-your-pet-for-hurricane-season/>

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