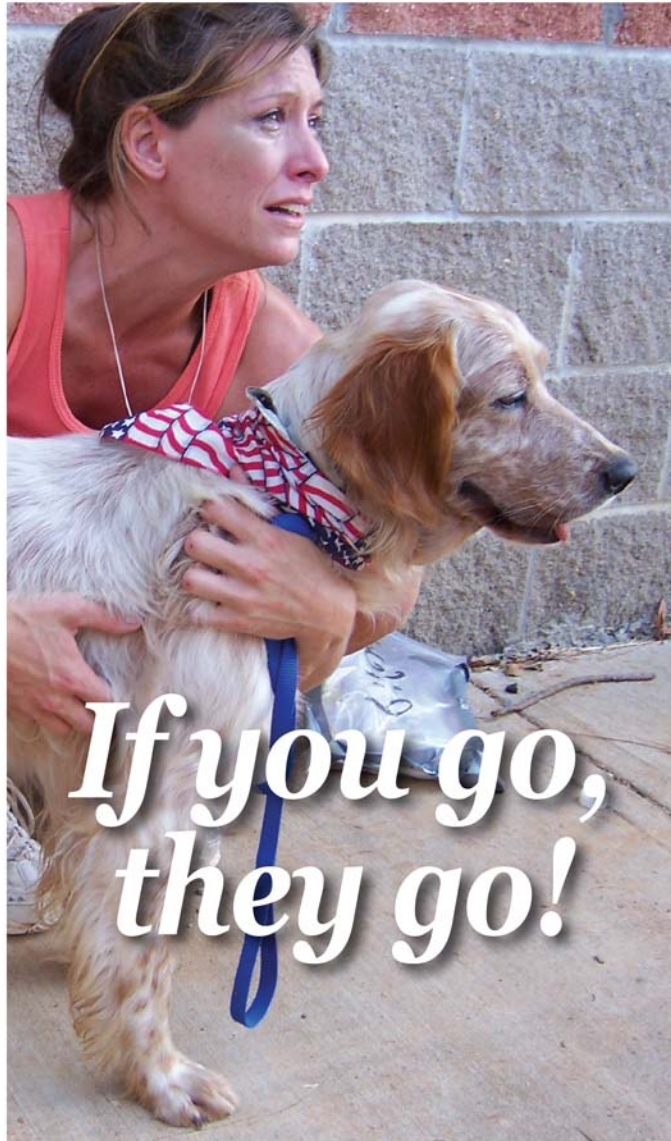


**DISASTER PLANNING
FOR PET OWNERS**



*If you go,
they go!*



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VERO BEACH & INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

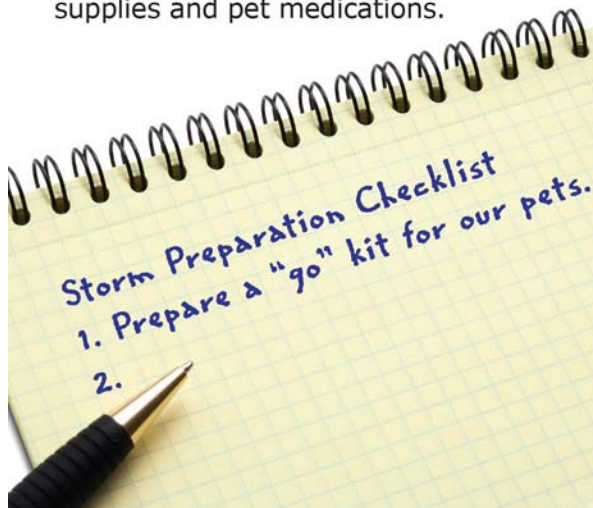
The time to plan is NOW.



June 1-November 30 is hurricane season. The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County urges you to avoid last-minute surprises and confusion when a storm is approaching by planning ahead so that your pet is never left alone. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET BEHIND.** The safest place for your pet is with you.

Sheltering at home

If your home is a safe place during a storm and officials have not ordered you to evacuate, you and your pet should stay at home until the storm passes. Stock up on provisions including extra food, water, pet supplies and pet medications.



Sheltering elsewhere

Family and Friends: If you are ordered to evacuate or do not feel safe in your home, go with your pets to a family member or friend's home located in a safe area until the danger passes. Bring emergency supplies for you and your animals. Call in advance to make sure your pets are welcome.

Hotels: Another option is to make arrangements at a pet-friendly hotel located in a safe zone. Select several hotels in advance and call to confirm their pet policies. Hotels fill up quickly once a storm is approaching so make a reservation as soon as you think evacuation is imminent.

County Shelter: Indian River County residents are eligible to use the pet-friendly shelter at Liberty Magnet School located at 6850 81st St., Vero Beach, provided you reside:

- On the barrier island
- East of US 1
- In a mobile, manufactured or sub-standard home
- In an area known to flood

Pre-registration is NOT REQUIRED however this shelter should be your option of last resort and space is limited. You are responsible for bringing all necessary pet supplies and caring for your pets.

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This includes pet food, carriers, medications, leashes and toys. For more information visit our website at hsvb.org or Indian River County Center for Emergency Services' website at www.irces.com.

If you are an IRC First Responder or are registered with the special needs shelter and have no other options for your pet's care, please call (772) 571-6408 to PRE-REGISTER your pets for disaster foster care at the Humane Society.

Emergency Pet Supplies

Whether you stay or go, follow this emergency pet supply checklist:

- Properly-fitted collar bearing pet's current license and identification tag



- Leash
- Portable crate/carrier for your pet
- Food and water bowls
- Two-week supply of water and pet food in a watertight container (and a manual can opener if the food is canned)
- Up-to-date health records including a recent photo of you with your pet
- Your pet's medications - at least a one month supply
- Cat litter pan with cat litter and/or newspapers, litter scooper, and plastic bags for feces disposal
- Toys and healthy treats and towels
- First aid supplies

Start preparations now

- Prepare a "go" kit for your pets with a two-week supply of food, water, bedding, towels, medical supplies, leashes and toys.
- Vaccinate all pets and make sure licenses are current.
- Have your pet microchipped and registered. Pets adopted from our Shelter are microchipped and registered with our shelter.
- If you evacuate, pre-arrange for you and your pets to stay with friends, family or at a hotel. The pet friendly shelter should be used as a last resort.
- If you must board your pet, select a facility that is not in an evacuation area or flood plain, is a safe building and

where pets will be attended throughout the storm.

- Keep pet carriers handy in the event of evacuation.
- Speak with your veterinarian in advance regarding medication if your pets are fearful of noise or travel.
- Place several I.D. tags on your pet's collar, including temporary tags with phone numbers of friends and relatives who live outside your immediate area.



Make a pet first aid kit

Place the contents in a plastic storage box, tackle box or coffee can

with lid. Pre-made kits may be purchased at pet supply stores, pharmacies, retail and discount stores and on-line.

Be sure to include: Sterile gauze pads (3" x 3" and 2" X 2") and gauze bandage rolls (1" and 2") • First-aid adhesive tape, 1" roll • Cotton swabs (Q-tips®) • Tweezers • Scissors • Plastic freezer/sandwich bags • Small bottle of 3% hydrogen peroxide • Styptic pencil or cornstarch (stems blood flow from minor cuts) • Antibacterial ointment • Antiseptic cleansing wipes • Kaopectate® or Pepto-Bismol® • A current pet

first-aid book • Eyewash • Eyedropper • Mineral oil (a lubricant and laxative when given by mouth) • Digital or rectal thermometer in a plastic case

- Leather work gloves (to protect you from being bitten)
- Latex gloves • Leash • Thin rope • Splint materials (tongue depressor) • 12-inch wooden ruler or thick magazine



I.D. is the key

I.D. tags are a lost pet's ticket home. Our Shelter offers *FREE* pet I.D. tags to any pet in our community. In addition, *microchipping* is an inexpensive, permanent form of identification that's safe and effective. Speak with your veterinarian or the Humane Society's Wellness Clinic at (772) 388-0801 about microchipping all of your pets. Pets should always have both forms of identification.

If your pet is lost

Contact animal shelters within a 60-mile radius should your pet become lost during a storm or evacuation. Photos, microchips and I.D. tags greatly aid animal agencies in reuniting lost pets and their families.



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

**DIAL 911 IF A PERSON OR
ANIMAL IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER**

**INJURED OR LOST ANIMALS AND
AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCIES**

Humane Society of Vero Beach
and Indian River County
(772) 388-3331 or (772) 388-4592

Indian River County
Department of Animal Control
(772) 226-3485

Vero Beach Animal Control
(772) 978-4600

**WILDLIFE AND MARINE
MAMMAL EMERGENCIES**

Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission
(888) 404-3922

ANIMAL POISONING

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline
(888) 426-4435



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