Do you have a plan for your pets in case of a hurricane, tornado or flood?

In the event of an emergency, a well-practiced disaster program will not only reduce stress but also save precious time and lives. Listed in this pamphlet are recommendations to help keep you and your animals safe and calm during a disaster.

Before Disaster Strikes

Identify Your Pets:

Keep your pet's license current and make sure that collar and identification tags are affixed securely and worn at all times. Have your pet Micro-chipped.

Crate Train Your Pet:

Train your dog and cat to come and enter its carrier at your command. This will familiarize you pet in the event of an emergency; reducing the stress of evacuation for you and your pet.

Prepare a First Aid Kit:

- ✓ Large and small bandages
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Tweezers
- ✓ Q-tips
- ✓ Antibiotic ointment
- ✓ Hydrogen Peroxide
- ✓ Elastic tape and gauze
- ✓ Eye wash and ear solution
- ✓ K-Y jelly
- ✓ Any medication

In Case of Evacuation

In an event of a disaster and/or evacuation, the most important thing you can do is protect your pet is to evacuate them too! Red Cross shelters do not accept pets. So, prepare a list of back up arrangements, such as homes of friends and family, hotels, which allow pets, boarding facilities, vet hospitals, and/or animal shelters.

Back Up Preparation List:

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Unable to Evacuate My Pet

It is generally not recommended that you leave your pet behind when evacuating, but if you must, follow these guidelines to help ensure your pet's safety:

- ✓ Post a highly visible rescue sticker or sign in a window to let rescue workers know what kind and how may pets were left behind.
- ✓ Leave plenty of water in large, open container which cannot be tipped over.
- ✓ Leave food in timed feeders. This prevents your pet from eating a week's worth of food in one day.
- ✓ Leave proper identification and rabies tags secure affixed on your pet.
- ✓ Bring your pet inside; however, do not crate your pet inside or outside, as the chances for survival are greater if it can escape easily.
- ✓ Never leave animals of different species together.

Evacuation Notification

It is also important that if you do evacuate and your pet is evacuated with you that you leave notification, such as a posted sign or sticker in a visible area for rescue workers. This saves valuable time and resources for others that have been left behind.

Pet Disaster Kit

A prepared disaster kit, kept in a safe and easily accessible place, will enable you to provide immediate care to your animal in an emergency. A calm, well-trained animal that is either on a leash or in a carrier will be more welcome wherever you go.

Items to include:

- ✓ Sturdy crate and/or carrier (labeled) with bedding and toys
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Identification and rabies tags on collars for both dogs and cats
- ✓ Muzzle and leashes
- ✓ Food/water (7-day supply for each pet and food should be kept in a watertight container)
- ✓ No spill bowls
- ✓ Litter/litter box
- ✓ Any special medication(s)
- ✓ Manual can opener/plastic lid
- ✓ Copy of your pet's current vaccination history (in waterproof bag)
- ✓ Recent photos of you pet
- ✓ Pet First-Aid book
- ✓ Pet First-Aid kit
- ✓ Phone numbers of local emergency veterinary clinic
- ✓ Grooming supplies
- ✓ Long-term confinement equipment such as chains, cable runs and/or tie-out stakes, portable caging
- ✓ Large plastic bags for cat litter disposal and dog clean up
- ✓ Newspapers and paper towels/wet wipes
- ✓ Cleansers and disinfectants
- ✓ Flashlight and spare batteries
- ✓ Emergency phone numbers

Emergency Contact List

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Be Prepared …

Your Pet is Your Friend!

Pet Friendly Hotels

This basic list of pet friendly hotels should help you prepare for your pets to be evacuated and not remain behind.

www.petswelcome.com

www.pets-allowed-hotel.com

www.dogyfriendly.com

www.bringfido.com

www.tripswithpets.com

www.petfriendlyhotels.com

Other Hotels that allow pets:

Motel 6	1-800-466-8356
Candlewood	1-877-269-5199
Clarion	1-877-424-6423
Comfort Inn	1-877-424-6423
Marriott	1-888-236-2427
Days Inn	1-800-329-7466
Econo Lodge	1-877-424-6423
La Quinta	1-800-642-4271
Holiday Inn	1-800-315-2621
Red Roof Inn	1-800-733-7663
Quality Inn	1-877-424-6423

The above list is hotel chains and not all individual hotels accept pets. Call in advance for reservations and pet acceptance.

Other Contact Agencies

South Carolina Association of Veterinarians
1-800-441-SCAV
www.scav.org
(or contact your local veterinarian)

South Carolina Animal Care and Control Association
127 Humane Lane
Columbia, SC 29209
(803) 776-7387

Grand Strand Humane Society
3241 Mr. Joe White Ave
Myrlte Beach, SC 29577
(843) 448-9151
www. grandstrandhumanesociety.org

South Carolina Emergency Management Division
2779 Fish Hatchery Road
West Columbia, SC 29172
(803) 737-8500
www.scemd.org/

City of Myrtle Beach

Animal Disaster Plan

Myrtle Beach Police Department
Animal Control Unit
1101 N. Oak St.
(843) 918-1382