

THE DOGGY DIGEST

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Hurricane Preparedness For Fido and Felix

It is that time of year, and we need to have Fido's evacuation bag prepared and stowed away just like ours.

Animals go missing, get left behind, and are abandoned every year during hurricane season. Don't leave your animals behind under the assumption they will be rescued. It is your responsibility to make sure you include your animal friends in your packing and evacuation plans for the family.

Vaccinations and Identification that are up to date, along with properly fitting collars and leashes

Confirm that Fido and Felix's microchip and identification tags are up to date with their name, your name, current phone number, and address. It is important to have visual identification on your animals' collars, as well as microchips.

If you have to evacuate for a hurricane, make sure you put your animals' collars on them. Remember, if their tags and microchips are up to date, your animals will return home more quickly if they go missing.

Print out a copy of your animals' vaccinations ahead of time. Some vet clinics have apps that contain this information. Make sure the information being stored in your app has been synced to be the most current.

Pack essentials for your animals.

Collar, leash, and harness
Crate and bedding
2 weeks of food per animal
2 weeks of water per animal
A month's supply of any medications your animals may need including flea and heartworm prevention
A few favorite toys
Copies of vaccination records and health screening

Most importantly, take your pets with you. Do not leave them behind. If you need assistance housing your animals during an evacuation, reach out to vet clinics and boarding facilities on the mainland as soon as possible to secure a spot for them to ensure their safety.

Fido and Felix are family, remember to include them in your preparations for hurricane season.

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