

# Taking Care of Your Pets During Hurricanes and Times of Crises

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## Main Ideas

- Every family, individual, and organization should have a disaster plan to prepare for unexpected events.
- There are pet-friendly shelters to accommodate pets during natural disasters.
- Transportation, pet-friendly lodging, food, and medicine are all necessities for pets during an evacuation.
- Collars and microchips are important forms of identification that can help pets and owners reunite after becoming separated during a disaster.
- If you find a lost pet post-disaster, take a picture and note distinctive features. Contact your local animal shelter or other regional resources with information on the animal.
- Seek out local resources now, like your county emergency management office, so that you are better prepared during a disaster.

## Discussion Questions

1. Why can it be difficult for pet owners to evacuate during a natural disaster?
2. What is included in a disaster preparation checklist for someone with pets?
3. Why are pet medical records important during natural disasters?
4. How can you prepare your family and pets for a natural disaster?

## Other Resources

[Fact Sheet: Hurricane Tips For Pet Owners](#)

[Video: Hurricane Preparedness For Pet Owners](#)

[Florida Extension Disaster Education Network \(EDEN\) Webpage](#)

[UF Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service \(VETS\) Website](#)

## Tips from the Speaker

Plan ahead and create a plan for your family and your pets before disaster strikes.

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