

## **Hurricane Preparations**

Properly preparing your family for an emergency situation is very important. Below are some recommended things to prepare your family pet for an emergency.

- **Medical Records**
  - Be sure to maintain medical records that are as up to date as possible. This should include a vaccination history and records of any know medical conditions.
- **Identification**
  - An identification tag is a great way to quickly identify your pet. They can be purchased from most pet stores.
  - Having your pet microchipped insures that ownership can be established even if their collar or id tag falls off. Be sure to keep your registration information updated. Contact your microchip company if your address, phone number or emergency contact changes at any time. Also consider listing a friend or family member that lives out of the area as your emergency contact. This will increase the potential of being able to reach a contact in the event of a local disaster.
- **Basic Supplies**
  - Prepare at least 5-7 days of food (canned or dry) and water for each pet. Be sure to check expiration dates to make sure foods are not expires. A manual can opener may be needed for canned foods.
  - Have one food and water bowl for each pet.
  - If your pet uses a litter box or potty pads, set aside a 7-10 day supply. This includes litter and disposable litterboxes (aluminum foil pans work great for throw away litter boxes) or litterbox liners
  - Properly fitting collars and/or harnesses and multiple leashes are essential.
  - If your pet(s) is on medications, obtain a 10-14 day supply for each medicine, for each animal that requires them.
  - Be sure to bring your pet's favorite toys or treats as this may help keep them calm during stressful times
- **Confinement**
  - Bring a durable crate or carrier for each pet. It should be large enough for your pet to stand up and lay down comfortably. Your pet may need to be transported or remain in these carriers for long periods of time.
  - Bring extra towels or blankets to make your pet comfortable while crated/kenneled.

All paperwork/ medical records for your pet should be kept in either a water tight container or a Ziploc bag. Consider making two copies- one to stay with you and one to attach to your pet's carrier or crate.