

■ PET EVACUATION CHECKLIST

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Print this checklist and keep it with your pet's go-bag. Review it at the start of every hurricane season.

BEFORE THE STORM

Go-Bag Supplies

- ☐ Food — minimum 3 days, ideally 7–10 days; airtight waterproof container
- ☐ Water — separate supply for pets; don't share your family's emergency water
- ☐ Bowls — food and water
- ☐ Medications — extra supply in waterproof container with dosing instructions
- ☐ First aid kit: bandage rolls, tape, scissors, antibiotic ointment, latex gloves,
- ☐ isopropyl alcohol, saline solution, hydrogen peroxide 3% (emetic — vet guidance only),
- ☐ pet first aid reference guide
- ☐ Carrier or crate — large enough to stand, turn around, and lie down
- ☐ Collar, ID tag, and leash — keep a backup set in the bag
- ☐ Sanitation: litter/litter box, paper towels, plastic bags, bleach
- ☐ Comfort item — favorite toy, treat, or familiar bedding
- ☐ Photo of you and your pet together (documents ownership if separated)

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- ☐ Photos of your pet — multiple angles, distinguishing markings
- ☐ Lost pet descriptor — species, breed, age, sex, weight, color, unique characteristics
- ☐ Microchip number and manufacturer — confirm registration is current
- ☐ Vaccine records — required by kennels, Rover sitters, and boarding facilities
- ☐ Vet contact and after-hours emergency number
- ☐ Medications list with dosing instructions

Know Where You're Going

- ☐ Friends or family outside the evacuation zone — confirmed they'll take your pets
- ☐ Pet-friendly hotels along evacuation routes — called ahead to confirm pet policy
- ☐ Boarding facility or vet hospital inland — confirmed availability
- ☐ Rover sitter along evacuation route — searched and saved contact info
- ☐ Campground option identified — most welcome pets

- ☐ Buddy system: neighbor/friend can evacuate pets if you can't get home
- ☐ Buddy knows where your go-bag is kept
- ☐ Meeting point established

Property & ID

- ☐ All outdoor animals brought inside
- ☐ Yard secured — loose objects tied down or removed
- ☐ All exits and cat doors secured
- ☐ Pet wearing collar with current ID tag
- ☐ Microchip registration verified — contact info current
- ☐ "Pets Inside" sticker on door/window (free at [aspca.org/take-action/pet-safety-pack](https://www.asPCA.org/take-action/pet-safety-pack))

DURING THE STORM — IF YOU CANNOT EVACUATE

- ☐ Move to interior room without windows — bring all pets
- ☐ Go-bag is in the room with you
- ☐ Pets are NOT left in vehicles
- ☐ Pets are NOT tranquilized — they need their survival instincts
- ☐ All exits and cat doors secured
- ☐ Know your pet's hiding spots — keep them with you
- ☐ Crated animals have food and water; you are staying with them

AFTER THE STORM

- ☐ Waited for official all-clear before going outside
- ☐ Assessed property damage before letting pets out
- ☐ Dogs on leash, cats in carrier when going outside
- ☐ Watching for downed power lines, sharp debris, displaced wildlife
- ☐ Keeping pets away from ALL standing water (leptospirosis risk)
- ☐ Monitoring pets for behavioral changes — stress is normal after disasters
- ☐ Familiar bedding provided to help pets reorient
- ☐ If pet is missing: filed report at [petfbi.org](https://www.petfbi.org) immediately
- ☐ If pet is missing: contacted BCAS and local shelters
- ☐ If pet is missing: dialed 211 for local disaster animal services

EMERGENCY NUMBERS — FILL IN BEFORE STORM SEASON

My Vet: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Vet: _____ Phone: _____

BCAS (Beaufort County Animal Services): 843-255-5010

Pet Poison Helpline: 855-764-7661 (fee may apply)

ASPCA Disaster Resources: aspca.org/disaster

Lost pet databases: petfbi.org | 211.org

AAHA Microchip Lookup: lookup.aaaha.org

My pet's microchip #: _____

Rover sitter contact: _____

Out-of-area emergency contact: _____