



Hurricane Season is June through November

Pet Care Emergency Planning

When an emergency/disaster occurs, confusion and turmoil usually reign supreme. It is difficult at such a time to remember all the important things that need to be done. Making the proper pet care plans can become more difficult if not done in advance.

The following are just a few questions that may need answers:

- Will you evacuate your pet(s) along with your family in the event of an emergency? If so, will the hotel you plan to use in transit allow pets?
- Have you created a list of items such as medications, special food, water, etc. needed to provide proper care for your pet(s) during an evacuation?
- Have you created in advance a kit containing all of the pet necessities on that list?
- Will it be necessary for you to board your pet locally until you return home? With what local pet facility will you board and at what cost?
- Sometimes the questions can be more difficult if not impossible to answer, such as how long will the evacuation continue? Making arrangements with the animal caretaker even for protracted evacuations may be an important issue to discuss in advance. Of course, not all questions can be answered, but by asking the questions you can be better prepared to deal with most eventualities you may encounter with emergencies.

Below are several websites you may wish to visit that prove helpful in providing answers to many of your questions and may possibly assist you in advance plans to care for your pet(s) during times of emergency/disaster:

St. Peter Parish website <https://www.stpeterparish.com/emergency-preparedness>

St. Tammany Parish Animal Service <http://stpgov.org/departments/animal-services>

FEMA <https://www.fema.gov>

Humane Society <http://www.humanesociety.org/>

American Veterinary Medical Association <https://www.avma.org/Pages/home.aspx>

Pets Welcome <https://www.petswelcome.com/>