



Shelter from the Storm – Planning Ahead for Your Pet

Before a disaster strikes, plan where you and your pets will seek shelter, in case you need to evacuate your home.

Do not leave your pet behind. If it is not safe for you to stay, it will not be safe for your pet.

Do not count on disaster shelters, local animal shelters or local boarders to keep your pets.

- Red Cross disaster shelters will only allow service dogs for people with disabilities: pets will not be allowed.
- Local humane societies and boarding facilities may be evacuating their own animals to safety, or they may be too full to take in more pets.
- Make a list with phone numbers for vet clinics and boarding kennels outside your immediate area.
- Call animal shelters outside your immediate area to see if they will provide temporary foster care and shelter for pets in an emergency.

Talk to your coworkers, neighbors, friends and relatives about helping each other's families and pets during natural or man-made crises.

- Can you stay with out-of-town friends or relatives? Have you made arrangements with them for you to bring your pets with you?
- Do you have a vehicle in good working condition that can transport both you and your pet to safety? If you cannot leave, do you have a safe hiding room with proper supplies?
- If you are away from your pet during an evacuation order, do you have a neighbor or friend who can get your pet to safety? If so, do they have a key to get into your house? Does your pet know them? How will your pet respond to them?

Always know where pet-friendly hotels and motels are located.

- The following are some of the hotel/motel chains that do allow pets, though policies (deposits, weight restrictions, and number of pets in each room) will vary by location. Call in advance about each individual pet policy.

*AmeriSuites *Best Western *Courtyard Marriott *Days Inn *Holiday Inn
*Howard Johnson *La Quinta *Motel 6 *Red Roof Inn *Residence Inn