



Vet Care Express Hurricane Planning Guide for Pets

Special COVID-19 Edition 2020

5 Steps to Prepare Your Pets For An Emergency Evacuation



We hope you find this Hurricane Planning Guide for Pets to be a valuable resource for your family. At Vet Care Express, your pet's safety and health is our highest priority. This year, because of Covid-19, preparing early and knowing available local resources in case you need to evacuate with pets is more important than ever.

Please use the tips in this guide as an additional resource to your family's main disaster preparedness plan.

For more information, please call us at:

941-592-5131

Create An Action Plan for Evacuation With Your Pets in Mind



Step 1



Create a List of Pet Emergency Contact Numbers Including Your Veterinarian, Family, Friends, Neighbors and Anyone Else Who May Assist You and Your Pet(s) During An Emergency Evacuation

Know How Your Pet(s) Will Be Transported Should You Need to Evacuate



Create a List of Several Locations Where It is Safe to Evacuate with Your Pets

Familiarize Your Family with Pet-Friendly Shelters and Hotel Accommodations in Your County

Prepare Ahead By Planning a Travel Kit With Essential Items Your Pet Will Need In Case of An Emergency Evacuation

Create a Pet First Aid Kit for Your Cat or Dog Including All Necessary Medications



Prepare For Emergency Travel

Your Checklist for Dogs



Step 2



- Pet vaccination and medical records
- Rabies tag and certificate
- A photo of you with your dog(s)
- Pet emergency contact list



- Pet ID tags and pet microchip #
- Dog collar and leash
- Dog crate or carrier with identification



- Pet prescription medications (30 days)
- Flea, tick and heartworm preventatives
- Pet First Aid Kit



- Dog food bowl and water dish
- Regular dog food (dry and/or wet)
- Bottled water
- Can opener/lids and a spoon
- Dog treats
- Dog bedding and pillows
- Blankets and towels
- Disposable poop bags
- Pet-safe spray disinfectant
- Paper towels
- Dog brush
- Dog toys

Prepare For Emergency Travel

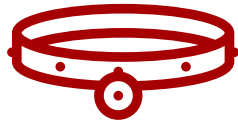
Your Checklist for Cats



Step 2



- ___ Pet vaccination and medical records
- ___ Rabies tag and certificate
- ___ A photo of you with your cat(s)
- ___ Pet emergency contact list



- ___ Pet ID tags and pet microchip #
- ___ Cat collar or harness with leash
- ___ Cat carrier with identification



- ___ Pet prescription medications (30 days)
- ___ Flea prevention
- ___ Pet First Aid Kit



- ___ Cat food bowl and water dish
- ___ Regular cat food (dry and/or wet)
- ___ Bottled water
- ___ Can opener/lids and a spoon
- ___ Cat treats
- ___ Cat bedding and pillows
- ___ Blankets and towels

- ___ Cat litter, pan liners and scooper
- ___ Pet-safe spray disinfectant
- ___ Paper towels
- ___ Cat brush
- ___ Cat toys



Create a Pet Emergency First-Aid Kit

A Checklist for Dogs & Cats



Step 3

Gather Your Pet's Paperwork To Include in First Aid Kit

- Copy of pet health records with rabies certificate
- Hard copy list of your pet's prescription medications
- Pet contact info for local veterinarians and animal emergency centers
- ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Number: 1-888-426-4435 (fee)



Animal Handling

- Leash or Slip Lead
- Dog or Cat Muzzle
- Towels
- Blanket (can be used as stretcher)
- Gauze (can be used as a muzzle)

Wounds & Bleeding Control

- Disposable gloves
- Towels or cloth strips
- Absorbable gauze
- Bandages (non-stick)
- Bandage tape (no Band-aids)
- Styptic stick or powder
- Vet Wrap/cohesive bandage tape
- Bandage scissors
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Tongue depressors
- Antibiotic ointment (approved)
- Antiseptic wipes

Additional Essentials

- Prescription medications
- Nail trimmer
- Tweezers
- Pet shampoo (bathing)
- Eye dropper
- Saline eye solution
- Bulb syringe (feeding)
- Sterile lube/K-Y Jelly
- Cold pack/Ice Pack
- Digital rectal thermometer
- 3% Hydrogen Peroxide*

To induce vomiting only with approval of veterinary guidance.

Know Local Pet Emergency Resources

Veterinary Emergency Centers

Step 4



Animal ER at University Park

941-355-2884

8237 Cooper Creek Blvd, University Park, FL, 34201

Hours of Operation: **Open 24 Hours**

Website: <https://www.animalerofuniversitypark.com/>



Bradenton Veterinary Emergency

941-748-0202

2910 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205

Hours of Operation: **Monday - Friday: 5:30pm - 8:00am**

Saturday and Sunday: Open 24 Hours

Website: <https://www.bradentonervet.com/>



Companion Veterinary & Urgent Care Center

941-896-9420

3915 Cortez Road West, Bradenton, FL 34210

Hours of Operation: **Monday - Sunday: 12pm - 12am**

Website: www.bradentonvet.com



Suncoast Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center

941-929-1818

4937 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231

Hours of Operation: **Open 24 Hours**

Website: <https://www.suncoastveterinary.com/>



Blue Pearl Pet Hospital Specialty and Emergency

941-923-7260

7414 South Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34231

Hours of Operation: **Open 24 Hours**

Website: <https://bluepearlvet.com/hospital/sarasota-fl/>



Find Pet-Friendly Evacuation Centers Shelters in Manatee County

Step 5



Designated Pet-Friendly Shelters in Manatee County

All information on this page is referenced from the Manatee County Emergency Management website:
https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety/emergency_management/emergency_shelters

Braden River High School
6545 SR 70 E., Bradenton*

Manatee High School
1000 32nd St. W., Bradenton*

Mills Elementary School
7200 69th St. E., Palmetto*
*Pet-friendly

For Updated COVID-19 Protocols Follow:
#ManateeReady: Emergency Planning



Please Check Shelter Requirements

Pet Shelter Requirements for Manatee County

Pet(s) must arrive with a carrier or cage. Cages will not be available on site.
Pet(s) must remain in carrier (except at scheduled exercise times).
Owners must provide pet food and other pet supplies as needed.
Owners must provide certification that pet(s) are current with rabies vaccination.
Owners will not permit other shelter occupants to handle or approach pet(s).
Owners are responsible for the care, feeding and handling of their own pet(s).

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Find Pet-Friendly Evacuation Centers Shelters in Sarasota County

Step 5



All Emergency Shelters in Sarasota County Accept Pets

Pet Shelter Requirements for Sarasota County

Sarasota County pet shelters allow **domestic** cats and dogs **ONLY**. No other species of non-human animal may be kept at these shelters.

Visit Sarasota County - Emergency Services Disaster Planning for Animals (Domestic and Rural)

Please Check Shelter Requirements

<https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness/pets-and-farm-animals>

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT COVID-19 IN SARASOTA COUNTY'S HURRICANE EVACUATION CENTERS

Social distancing will be observed in evacuation centers. Because of reduced space, consider making alternative arrangements with friends/family before seeking an evacuation center.

Sarasota County cannot guarantee a virus-free facility. All evacuees will be screened for health upon arrival and before registration. Be prepared to wait in line (or in your car) to be screened.

Depending on the results of health screening, evacuees may be designated to a medical observation area.

Masks will be required at all times, except when eating/drinking.

