

Pet Guidelines for Hurricane Preparedness – During & After the Storm

During A Hurricane

Remaining at Home

Noise from a storm can frighten a pet. If possible, keep the pet within sight of the family.

Use the supplies in your pet survival kit for your pet's sanitary and food needs.

Never leave your pet chained outside.

Never tranquilize your pets. They need to use their survival instincts to escape any potential danger.

After A Hurricane

Protecting Your Pets

Keep your pets inside after a hurricane.

If you take your pet outdoors, leash your dog, and keep your cat in a carrier.

Pets are more easily lost and confused when outdoors after a storm because of altered scents and landmarks.

Downed electric power lines or reptiles brought in with high water could endanger your pet.

Don't allow your pet to drink water or eat food that may have been contaminated.

Returning A Lost Pet To Its Owner

After a hurricane, there may be many lost pets. To find the owner of a lost pet, you can access the [ACaRD's Pet License Information Database](#). The database contains more than 700,000 records of dogs and cats registered in Broward since 1997. You enter the license tag or tattoo number and the owner information will appear on the screen. It also has a search function if you only have a partial license or tattoo number.

If you don't have access to the web, you can call the Division at 954-359-1313 and we will trace the license tag for you. Phone lines may be down after the storm.

Finding Your Lost Pet

Animal Care officers and citizens will bring many lost cats and dogs to our shelters after the hurricane. If your pet has identification such as a license tag, tattoo or microchip, we will call you if the phones are operating. If your pet has no identification or you cannot be reached, you need to visit one of our shelters. Call first at 954-359-1313 for post-hurricane operating hours and information.

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