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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FOR YOUR PETS



If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency depends largely on emergency planning done today. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what's best for your animals.

BEFORE THE DISASTER

- ◆ Make sure that your pets are current on their vaccinations. Pet shelters may require proof of vaccines.
- ◆ Have a current photograph.
- ◆ Keep a collar with identification on your pet and have a leash on hand to control your pet.
- ◆ Have a properly-sized pet carrier for each animal - carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand and turn around.
- ◆ Plan your evacuation strategy and don't forget your pet! Specialized pet shelters, animal control shelters, veterinary clinics and friends and relatives out of harm's way are ALL potential refuges for your pet during a disaster.
- ◆ If you plan to shelter your pet - work it into your evacuation route planning.

DURING THE DISASTER

- ◆ Animals brought to a pet shelter are required to have: Proper identification collar and rabies tag, proper identification on all belongings, a carrier or cage, a leash, an ample supply of food, water and food bowls, any necessary medications, specific care instructions and newspapers or trash bags for clean-up.
- ◆ Bring pets indoor well in advance of a storm - reassure them and remain calm.
- ◆ Pet shelters will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Call ahead and determine availability.

AFTER THE DISASTER

- ◆ Walk pets on a leash until they become re-oriented to their home - often familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and pets could easily be confused and become lost. Also, downed power lines, reptiles brought in with high water and debris can all pose a threat for animals after a disaster.
- ◆ If pets cannot be found after a disaster, contact the local animal control office to find out where lost animals can be recovered. Bring along a picture of your pet if possible.
- ◆ After a disaster animals can become aggressive or defensive - monitor their behavior.

For more information please visit www.FEMA.org or www.HSUS.org

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Planning for Your Pets

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Animal companions... your pets... "your children." Whatever you call them, they are dearly loved family members. Our pets come in all shapes and sizes — from horses to hamsters, from ferrets to felines — they inhabit our hearts with their own unique personalities. They share day-to-day struggles, adventures, and special moments with us. We share our homes, our beds and our hearts with our pets. We worry about our pets. They leave us with a legacy of happy memories after they're gone. Our pets love us unconditionally, help reduce stress and even enhance longevity. For all these reasons and so many more, you should explore all the alternatives for planning.

All public workshops are complimentary and are held in our Learning Center.

Please call 407-977-8080 or visit www.HoytBryan.com to RSVP.

LEND A HELPING PAW...

Please help Whiskers & Paws, Inc., an Oviedo, Florida local 501C(3)non-profit cat rescue organization. They provide healthcare and a safe, loving environment for rescued cats & kittens until they can be adopted into loving families.

Our pet of the month: China

Domestic—Russian Blue

Size: Medium Age: Baby Gender: Female ID: 364

China is a very sweet little girl looking for a loving home. She is FeIV/FIV negative, current on vaccines, dewormed, spayed and microchipped.



If you are interested in adopting China or to make a donation please contact:



Angela Dirig and Michele Yeargin

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www.WhiskersAndPaws.org

RESOURCES AND LINKS

www.LegacyForYourPet.com
www.PetGuardian.com
www.2ndChance4Pets.org
www.EstatePlanningForPets.com
www.AngelsHaveWhiskers.org
www.WhiskersAndPaws.org

www.Petentials.com
www.OrlandoUnleashed.com
www.2ndChance4Pets.org
www.1-800-save-a-pet.com
www.HSUS.org
www.PetFinder.com