

# BE PREPARED

Make sure your **pets** are ready for when disaster strikes

## Identify Them

- Photograph each pet and store these pictures with other important documents in sealed/waterproof plastic bags.
- Make sure that all animals are up-to-date on their **vaccinations**.
- All dogs and cats should **wear collars and identification tags** with current information and be microchipped.

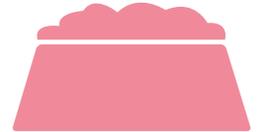
### Keep Them Tagged

- Include the name and phone number of a **friend OUTSIDE the greater Houston area** in case local phone service is not functioning immediately following a disaster.
- Dogs should wear **nylon or leather collars** only.
- Never place tags on training collars or choke chains.
- Cats should wear a breakaway/safety collar.



## Make a Kit

- You should plan on enough **supplies for at least two weeks**. Families need to pack a portable pet disaster kit to include:
  - food
  - water
  - medication
  - vaccination records
  - cleaning supplies



## Get Ready to Go

- Make sure your pet has a **safe traveling carrier** that has been labeled with your emergency contact information. Many shelters WILL NOT allow animals unless they are in a carrier/crate.
- Take your pet's favorite toy or blanket with you to help **minimize his/her stress**.



## When You Leave

- If you must evacuate, take your pet with you! **If conditions are unsafe for people, they are unsafe for pets!**
- Pet owners should identify an evacuation route and make temporary housing arrangements before a storm hits.

## Large Animals

- It is particularly important to plan for horses and other farm animals. Their size, shelter and transportation needs make planning crucial.

For more information on what you should do to help keep your animals safe this hurricane season, including a complete disaster preparedness checklist, visit:

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[www.houstonhumane.org](http://www.houstonhumane.org) and  
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