### Disaster Supply CHECKLIST for Pet(s)

Prepare supplies for your pet(s). Have everything ready to go at a moment's notice. Keep accessible, stored in sturdy containers easy to carry.

- Current Martin County Pet License.
- ✓ Updated ID tags.
- Phone number of relative or friend outside your area.
- Current photo of you and your pet(s). Keep with important papers.
- Vaccination records, medications and a first aid kit. Store in waterproof container.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, collars and carriers/ crates to transport pet(s) safely and to ensure your pet(s) can't escape. Carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around, and lie down. Your pet(s) may have to stay in a carrier for hours at a time.
- Food, water, bowls, cat litter, litter box and a manually operated can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pet(s) or place pet(s) in foster care.
- Other useful items: newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items and house hold bleach. Pet beds and toys only if easy to take.
- Make sure your Pet(s) is(are) microchipped. A microchip is NOT a GPS or tracking system. But it is very helpful to reunite lost pets. If your pet is found, it should be scanned by a veterinarian or our shelter. If your pet has one, your name and phone number should be registered to the microchip.
- Make sure your pet(s) microchip has your correct contact information.
  To find out if it is current contact your microchip company or your veterinarian.
- HSTC offers low cost microchip services to the public for a \$15 fee per pet. To schedule call, 772-223-8822.

# AFTER THE STORM

Don't allow your pet(s) to roam loose. Familiar landmarks and smells might be gone, and your pet(s) will probably be disoriented. Pet(s) can easily get lost in such situations. Walk dogs on a leash and keep cats inside (or in carriers, if your house is damaged and they could escape). Be patient with your pet(s) after a disaster. Try to get them back into their normal routines as soon as possible. Be ready for behavioral problems that may result from stress. If problems persist or if your pet(s) seems to be having health problems, talk with your veterinarian.

### Helpful Pet Friendly Accommodation Information

- www.petswelcome.com
- ✓ www.travelpet.com



Shelter Address 4100 SW Leighton Farm Avenue Palm, City. FL 34990 772-223-8822

## PROTECTING YOUR PETS

**IN A DISASTER** 

### BE PREPARED

Hurricanes, floods and wildfires can strike anytime, anywhere. But with preparation and planning, your family, including your pet(s), can be protected.

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Hurricane season runs June 1 through Nov. 30th. Warnings of hurricanes or other disasters may be issued hours, even days, in advance. Don't wait until the last minute to get ready.

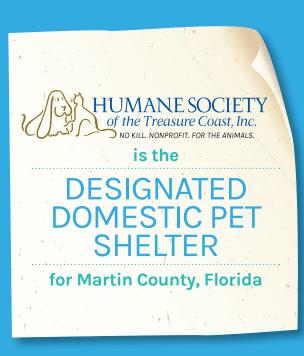
2 Before June 1st, make sure your disaster supplies are ready to go.

3 When a hurricane is named, make emergency hotel and/or shelter arrangements for you & your pet(s).

4 5 Days before a hurricane is due, confirm all your emergency arrangements.

#### Find a Safe Place Ahead of Time

- Be a responsible pet owner! American Red Cross evacuation shelters DO NOT accept pets, except for service animals. PLAN AHEAD! Don't wait until disaster strikes. Do your research ahead of time.
- Contact hotels/motels outside your area to check policies on accepting pets. Keep a list of pet friendly places handy. Call ahead for reservations as soon as you think you might have to leave your home.
- Ask friends and family outside your area if they would shelter you and your animals, or just the animals if necessary. If you have more than one pet, be prepared to house them separately.
- Make a list of veterinarians and boarding facilities that shelter animals in emergencies. Include 24-hour phone numbers.

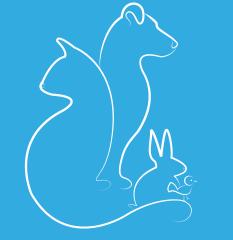


### This program is ONLY for pets of Martin County residents.

We do not allow people to stay with their pets while boarded at the shelter. We are only equipped to temporarily house domestic pets, not their owners, during disaster.

#### **SPACE IS LIMITED!**

### You MUST pre-register your pet(s) at: www.hstcl.org/disaster-preparedness



### If you Evacuate TAKE YOUR PETS

If it's not safe for you, it's not safe for your pet(s). The single most important thing you can do to protect your pet(s) if you evacuate is to take them with you.

Animals left behind in a disaster can easily get injured, lost or killed.

Animals left inside your home can escape through broken windows.

Animals turned loose to fend for themselves can become victims of exposure, starvation, predators, contaminated food or water.

Leaving dogs tied or chained outside in a disaster is a death sentence.

**Leave early.** Don't wait for a mandatory evacuation order. An unnecessary trip is far better than waiting too long to leave safely with your pet(s).



#### **Other Evacuation Tips**

- Mobile home residents should evacuate at the first sign of a disaster threat.
- Evacuate to the safest location possible, closest to your home. Long distance evacuations are a problem when highways are crowded.
- Identify your evacuation zone. Keep up- to-date on the hurricane path to determine if and when you would have to evacuate. Be prepared for one category higher than the one being forecast.