



**Harris County
Hospital District**

2011 Hurricane Preparedness *FOR PETS*



**HARRIS COUNTY
HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

PHONE: 713-634-1470
EMERGENCYMANAGEMENT
@HCHD.TMC.EDU

HCHDRESPONDS.COM
HCHDCARES.COM

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 such as a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack depends largely on emergency planning done today. Some of the things you 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.

If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if possible. However, if you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets.

Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer.

PET DISASTER SUPPLY KIT:

- Medications
- First aid kit
- Sturdy leashes and collar/harness
- Carriers to transport pets safely
- Current photos with owner or family members
- Food and potable water
- Bowls
- Litter and pan/box
- Muzzle
- Can opener
- Toys
- Name and number of your veterinarian

