

WHERE TO LOOK FOR LOST PETS AFTER A HURRICANE

Animal Care and Control

7100 Belvedere Rd.

West Palm Beach, FL 33411

(5 miles West of I-95)

Domestic animals and livestock

(561) 233-1200

www.pbcgov.com/animal

Check the SNAP website at

www.pbcgov.com/SNAP to view lost and found
Pets

Humane Society of the Palm Beaches

(Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League)

3200 N. Military Trail,

West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Domestic animals only

(561) 686-3663

www.hspb.org

Tri-County Humane Society

21287 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton

Domestic animals only

(561) 482-8110

www.tricountyhumane.org

*Please note, phone lines may be
down after the storm.

OTHER WAYS TO FIND YOUR PET:

- ♥ Hang "LOST PET" flyers or posters in your neighborhood and surrounding areas. Include a photo of your pet and a phone number where you can be contacted.
- ♥ Check local animal shelters every day or until your lost pet is found. Do not give up.
- ♥ Place an advertisement in local newspapers in the Lost & Found section.
Palm Beach Post: 561-820-4343
Sun Sentinel: 1-800-250-2000
- ♥ Check online resources for lost and found pets, such as:

www.pawboost.com

www.petfinder.com

www.nextdoor.com

- ♥ Check newspapers and animal shelters for people who have found a pet.
- ♥ Contact your veterinarian.
- ♥ If your pet is microchipped:

Contact the national registry to flag your pet as being lost.

HomeAgain 1-888-466-3242

Avid 1-800-336-2843

Public Safety Department

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Preparing Dogs, Cats, and Livestock for Hurricanes



What to do with your pets....

Plan Ahead!

...When Disaster Strikes



Palm Beach County
Board of County Commissioners



Vaccinate your dog, cat, and livestock:

Vaccines for Dogs:

Rabies, Distemper, Parvo-Corona, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, and Bordetella

Vaccines for Cats:

Rabies, Distemper Combination, & Feline Leukemia

Vaccines/Test for Horses:

Negative Coggins, Rabies & Tetanus, Eastern & Western Equine Encephalomyelitis

Preparations for Housing your Pet

Contact local veterinarians and boarding facilities at the earliest possible time for reservations. **Red Cross** Shelters in Palm Beach County do not allow pets. PBC Animal Care and Control provides a Pet Friendly Shelter for pets and people in the event of a disaster, www.pbcgov.com/animal or call 561-233-1266.

There are over 12,000 lodgings in the United States and over 800 in the state of Florida that accept pets. **“Traveling With Your Pet - The AAA Pet-Book”** is a comprehensive guide, listing national as well as local hotel/motel accommodations allowing pets. It is available online or at any major bookstore. Be prepared to provide a current medical record, rabies certificate and license tag when traveling.

Dogs and cats must be wearing a current county rabies license tag at all times. Call 561-233-1271 to update your address and phone number. Ask your veterinarian about providing a microchip or a tattoo for permanent pet identification. Animal Care and Control offers microchips and rabies vaccinations 7 days a week.

Lists of local boarding facilities and motels are available at www.pbcgov.com/animal. When taking your pet to a boarding facility or to a hotel/motel during a disaster evacuation, determine what supplies are needed, in advance. Some examples:

- ◆ Food and water for up to five days. Food should be wrapped in waterproof bags.

- ◆ Pet carrier large enough to permit pet to stand, turn around, and food and water bowls.
- ◆ Attach a label on the pet carrier with your name and several phone number contacts.
- ◆ Special medicines and first aid supplies.
- ◆ Bedding and grooming tools.
- ◆ Vaccination papers and special instructions about your pet’s behavior stored in plastic bag.
- ◆ Collar, current rabies tag, and leash, never use a choke chain to attach tags.
- ◆ Toys and snacks.
- ◆ Small plastic bags for waste pick up.
- ◆ Attach temporary I.D. with name and phone numbers of family or friends outside the disaster area.
- ◆ Take a photo of your pet with a family member as proof of ownership.

If you must evacuate, know in advance where you and your pet will go. Pets are much better off with their owners than at a pet boarding facility or being left behind. During a disaster evacuation, many hotels/motels will accept pets. Check for restrictions, fees, and availability.

Large Animals:

What to do with your large animals:

Palm Beach County has seen a tremendous growth in the large animal population. The following information deals mostly with horses, but some information might be useful for other farm and exotic animals as well.

Large Animal Identification Some Ideas:

- ◆ Take a picture of your horse with a family member in the photo as proof of ownership.
- ◆ Purchase fetlock ID bands and place them on both front feet.
- ◆ Using small animal clippers, body clip the owner’s phone number on the horse’s neck.
- ◆ Braid a waterproof luggage tag with medication and owner information into the horse’s tail.
- ◆ Put a halter on your horse with a luggage tag attached showing the owner’s name, address, and phone number.

If you have to Evacuate Your Horse

If you plan to evacuate, have a destination and travel route in advance. Plan to leave 48 hours prior to the anticipated storm arrival. If you choose to board your animal locally, plan now and contact stables or barns.

Large Animals... Preparing for a Hurricane:



If you are planning to stay at home during a hurricane, these guidelines may help:

- ◆ The decision of keeping your horse in a barn or in a very large open field is entirely your choice; however, if you choose to keep your horse in a barn, the structure strength should be considered.
- ◆ Remove items from the barn aisle and walls.
- ◆ Have a two week supply of hay and feed stored up off the ground. Wrap the hay in plastic or waterproof tarp and the feed in a plastic water-tight container.
- ◆ Place clean plastic garbage cans filled with water in the barn, and secure the tops.
- ◆ Prepare an emergency animal care kit (waterproof) with all items normally used. Secure in a safe place.
- ◆ Notify neighbors where you will be during the storm.
- ◆ Place two buckets of water and sufficient hay with each horse. After a hurricane, you may not have immediate access to the barn.
- ◆ Make sure the animal is wearing identification.

After the Hurricane—What To Do!

Upon returning to your home, you may discover that your pets and or livestock are not on the premises. You should immediately go to the animal shelter closest to your home. Be prepared to show ‘proof of ownership’ (vet records, microchip records, photos of your pet). There may also be fees involved for redeeming your pet.