

Emergency phone numbers:

Hillsborough Animal Health Foundation
(813) 221-4804
Animal Services of Hillsborough County
(813) 744-5660
The Humane Society of Tampa Bay
(813) 876-7138
American Red Cross, Tampa Bay Chapter
(813) 251-0921

Shelters that allow pets:

Burnett Middle School 1010 N. Kingsway Rd. Seffner, FL 33584 (813) 744-6745	Smith Middle School 14303 Citrus Pointe Dr. Tampa, FL 33625 (813) 792-5125
Shields Middle School 15732 Beth Shields Way Ruskin, FL 33573 (813) 672-5338	Bartels Middle School 9020 Imperial Oak Blvd. Tampa, FL 33647 (813) 907-6801

If your pet has been hurt, call one of the following emergency hospitals:

BluePearl Veterinary Partners
(813) 933-8944
BluePearl Veterinary Partners/Brandon
(813) 571-3303
Tampa Bay Veterinary Emergency Service
(813) 265-4043

Some helpful websites:

www.ready.gov
www.avmf.org
www.hahf.org
www.spcfl.org
www.petswelcome.com
www.pets-allowed-hotels.com
www.petfriendlytravel.com
www.dogfriendly.com
www.planet-pets.com
www.nhc.noaa.gov
www.redcross.org
www.fema.org
www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animalservices



* Hurricane shelter registered with Hillsborough County

Temple Terrace*

(Busch Gardens / USF)

5023 E. Busch Blvd. Tampa, FL 33617
(813) 988-1189

Pebble Creek*

(New Tampa)

19440 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. Tampa, FL 33647
(813) 973-8566

North Bay

(Westchase / Town 'n' Country)

9801 W. Hillsborough Ave. Tampa, FL 33615
(813) 885-4477

All Creatures

(Lutz)

105 Sunset Lane Lutz, FL 33549
(813) 949-2706



The Cat Doctors

(South Tampa)

3221 W. Azeele St.
Tampa, FL 33609
(813) 877-6369

For more info visit our website at
www.TampaBayVets.net



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Veterinary Excellence

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FOR YOUR PET

Helping You Prepare For Evacuation



Your safety and the safety of
your pets are our first concern.



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Before The Storm... PREPARE!

Have a Plan: Most shelters do not accept pets. Know where you can go in the event you must evacuate. If you are going to stay with a friend or family member, be sure to advise them you would like to bring your pet. If you plan to stay at a hotel, call first to assure they are "pet friendly". These hotels fill quickly, so call before you start driving. A list of "pet friendly" hotels can be found on www.petswelcome.com.

Food: Have a 2 week supply of food ready to take when the storm is approaching. If your pet is on a prescription diet, consider a 4 week supply since it may be difficult to go back home promptly after a storm or there may be short term delays in delivery due to the aftermath of a storm. Due to the stress of the evacuation, your pet may have a change in eating habits.

Medications: Any pet taking medication on a regular basis should have at least a 1 month supply available. You may also want to discuss the use of sedatives or anxiety medications with the veterinarian in the event your pet needs them during a storm.

Identification: This is a critical step in your planning. While collars and ID tags are sometimes helpful, they can come off, break, or get lost. We strongly encourage anyone with pets in Florida to have a permanent identification in the form of a **microchip**. Microchips are transponders no bigger than a grain

of rice implanted under your pet's skin between the shoulder blades. This is a simple procedure done by your veterinarian. The microchip cannot be altered or fall off your pet. Veterinarians and Animal Services or Shelters scan pets for the microchips and then contact a national database registry to help reunite lost pets with their owners. List at least one of your registered contacts with the microchip registry as someone out of the local area. **It is important** that you register the microchip in a database registry to facilitate recovery of your pet. Also, it would help to bring a current picture of your pet with you to help identification.

What to Take Checklist

- + Crate or Cage
- + Leash & Collar
- + Medications
- + Food/Water/Bowls
- + Pet Photo
- + Litter Box & Litter/Waste Cleanup Needs
- + Bedding & Toys
- + Proof of Vaccinations

During The Storm

When possible, keep your pet confined to a small, safe room or to a crate during the storm. If your pet has a stressful reaction when a storm is near, you should discuss sedation with your veterinarian. This discussion should be done prior to the storm when you have the time to get the medication and instruction for administration. Due to the weather conditions, it may not be possible to take your pet outdoors to eliminate and there may be accidents indoors. Be prepared for clean-up. If your pet is on medications, maintain a regular schedule. Try to remain calm so as not to further stress your pet. Safety for you and your pet requires you to be aware of your surroundings and have a plan.



After The Storm

Lost Pets: If your pet has been lost, call your veterinarian and Animal Services to file a report. A visit to the local Animal Services or Humane Society with a picture and the microchip identification number may facilitate recovery. If you find a lost pet, approach it carefully as it may be injured or scared and not react as it normally would. Contact Animal Services immediately and watch where the pet goes if you are unable to pick it up.

Injured Pets: If your pet is in need of medical attention contact us immediately or an animal emergency clinic.

Going Home

Once home, do not take your pet into the house until you have inspected your house. Check for damage and openings where your pet may escape once brought into the house. When you bring your pet into the house, keep it confined in a safe room or crate until you have the opportunity to clean up. Your pet may still be scared or stressed and try to escape so be careful when opening doors.

