

PET PREPAREDNESS

The best thing you can do for yourself and your pets is to be prepared before impending severe weather.

- 1. Crate your Pet!** Most shelters listed on Shelter Madison County do not accept pets. If they do accept pets, your pets **MUST** be in crates. This is for the health and safety of your pet, the people at the shelter, and you! Our pets' attitudes and personalities change in response to stress. People in the shelter may be allergic. Crate your pet.
- 2. Pet Emergency Supply Kit:** Consider keeping an emergency supply kit of items for your pet such as: travel water bowl; bottle of water for pet; treats or food; pets' medications, if any; copies of pets' medical records and license information;
- 3. Arrange a Safe Haven for your pets in the event your home is damaged:**
 - a. Contact your veterinarian for a list of preferred boarding kennels and facilities.
 - b. Ask your local animal shelter if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets.
 - c. Identify hotels or motels outside of your immediate area that accept pets.
 - d. Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they would be willing to take in your pet.

More Information (note: targeted towards evacuating from large-scale disasters like hurricanes, not all information on links below may apply to short-term sheltering at one of the areas of refuge listed on Shelter Madison County):

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/Petsanddisasters/>

<https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness>