PET POINTERS FOR WHEN DISASTERS STRIKES

- Bring your pet indoors before a disaster.
- Keep your pet in a safe area protected from breaking glass, wind and noise.
- Keep your pet in a crate to help them relax.
- If your home is not safe for you, it’s not safe for your pet.
- Have your “Emergency Pet Kit” ready if you have to evacuate to a pet-friendly shelter.
- Make sure your pet is micro-chipped to help with reunification should you get separated.
- Attach a copy of your family emergency plan to your pet crate or carrier in case you become separated.
- Tune in to radio and television reports for your nearest pet-friendly shelter and instructions from emergency officials.

Download the FREE Red Cross Pet First Aid Mobile App in smartphone app stores or going to redcross.org/apps.

For more information, visit redcross.org/hawaii

DON’T WAIT UNTIL A DISASTER STRIKES

GET YOUR PET READY

American Red Cross
Hawaii
Don’t forget your pet when preparing for a disaster!
Put together an “Emergency Pet Kit” that you can use whether you shelter “in place” or have to evacuate.

**YOUR “PET KIT” SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- Pet crate or carrier—A crate can help relax your pet. Your animal should be able to stand, turn around and sit comfortably. Cats should have a litter pan in the crate or carrier.
- Food—14-day supply in an airtight container.
- Water—At least 3 gallons.
- First Aid/Medication—2-week supply of medications, flea/tick preventatives, vaccine, records and veterinary information.
- Identification—Photo of pet attached to carrier with identifying markings and picture of family. Updated ID and license tags on collar.
- Can Opener
- Collar with leash/harness
- Water and food bowls
- Blankets and Towels
- Toys and Treats
- Grooming Supplies
- Sanitation supplies—Includes newspapers, plastic bags, disinfectants, paper towels and cat litter.

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**PREPARE AN “EMERGENCY PET KIT”**

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**HAVE A PET EMERGENCY PLAN READY**

Have a plan for your pet before a disaster strikes. A disaster plan that includes your pet will help you follow emergency evacuation orders without delay.

Choose two pet-friendly places to go if a disaster threatens:
- One near your home in case of a sudden emergency.
- A second place outside your neighborhood in case you are asked to evacuate.

Choose an out-of-area emergency contact
- Local phone service can be knocked out in a disaster. It may be possible to contact someone by long-distance or text.

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**WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR PET DURING A HURRICANE**

Make sure you have an Emergency Pet Kit and a carrier or crate to transport your pet to a shelter.

Thanks to the Hawaiian Humane Society, some shelters will have pet-friendly space adjacent to the shelters.

Before a hurricane strikes, identify the closest pet-friendly shelters.
Stay tuned to the local media to find out which sites will be opened.

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**WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR PET FOLLOWING A DISASTER**

Pets can become disoriented, defensive, frightened or aggressive after a disaster.

Watch your pets closely and keep them under your direct control.

Be aware of hazards at “pet level” such as debris, broken glass, spilled chemicals or other dangers to your pet.

Comfort your pet after a storm or disaster.