

## PLAN AHEAD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Emergency action plans for your family should include the animal members of your family.

For many people, pets are not just animals— pets are family. They count on us for food, shelter, safety, well-being and love and give us so much more in return.

Keep yourself and all the members of your family safe.



### Miami-Dade County Animal Services Pet Adoption and Protection Center

3599 NW 79th Avenue  
Doral, FL 33122

For more information  
call 311 or visit  
[animals.miamidade.gov](http://animals.miamidade.gov)



# EMERGENCY PLANNING WITH YOUR PETS

## IF YOU STAY HOME, STAY TOGETHER

In the event of a disaster, what's best for you is typically best for your pet.

- Be sure to bring your pets indoors as soon as you learn of an emergency situation.
- Close off unsafe nooks and crannies where your frightened cat may hide.
- Place your pets in crate or carriers and keep them with you.
- If you must wait out a storm or other disaster at home, identify a safe area where you can all stay together.

## IF YOU EVACUATE, STAY TOGETHER

If you must evacuate it's important to know ahead of time if your pet will be permitted to stay with you.

- Make a list of pet friendly hotels and motels in your local area. Ask if a "no pet" policy can be waived during emergencies.
- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians that can shelter your pet.
- Find a friend or relative that lives outside the evacuation zone who would be willing to care for your pet temporarily.
- Pet owners residing in qualified evacuation zones, unsafe structures or mobile homes can participate in the Pet-Friendly Evacuation Centers (PEC). Appropriate food and supplies must be provided by the pet owners. Family member must remain in the evacuation center with the pets For more information, call 311.

**“PLAN AHEAD. IT WASN'T RAINING WHEN NOAH BUILT THE ARK.”**  
— COMMON SAYING

## PREPARE AN PET EMERGENCY KIT

Whether taking shelter at home or evacuating to a safe place, it's important to include pet supplies and equipment needed to care for your pet. Store the emergency kit and leashes as close to an exit as possible. Make sure that everyone in the family knows where it is, and that it clearly labeled and easy to carry.

### Supply and equipment checklist:

- Dry/Wet food for at least 2 weeks
- Manual can opener for canned food
- Two weeks supply of water
- Bowls
- A portable carrier, for each pet, large enough to stand and turn around in
- Dog leash and muzzle if required
- Dog license/ID on collar
- State/Federal issued ID of pet owner
- Proof of rabies vaccine
- Medications
- Litter scooper
- Paper towels
- Disinfectant
- Hand Sanitizer
- Plastic poop bags
- Toys
- Training pads

## KEEP A COLLAR AND TAGS ON PETS



Keep a collar and tag on both dogs and cats at all times. Make sure your dog's license tag is current and all pets are also current on rabies vaccination. Check your pets ID tags and update any changes in contact telephone number.

Pet license tags and ID tags can be a lost pet's ticket home. Call 311 for more information.

## MICROCHIP YOUR PETS

Because tags and collars may come lose and leave your pet without ID, a microchip provides an inexpensive permanent form of identification that's safe and effective for all pets.



A microchip can be a sure way to be reunited with your pet, but only if you keep the microchip registration up-to-date.

Speak to your veterinarian about microchipping your pet. Microchipping is also available at Miami-Dade Animal Services, call 311 for more information.

