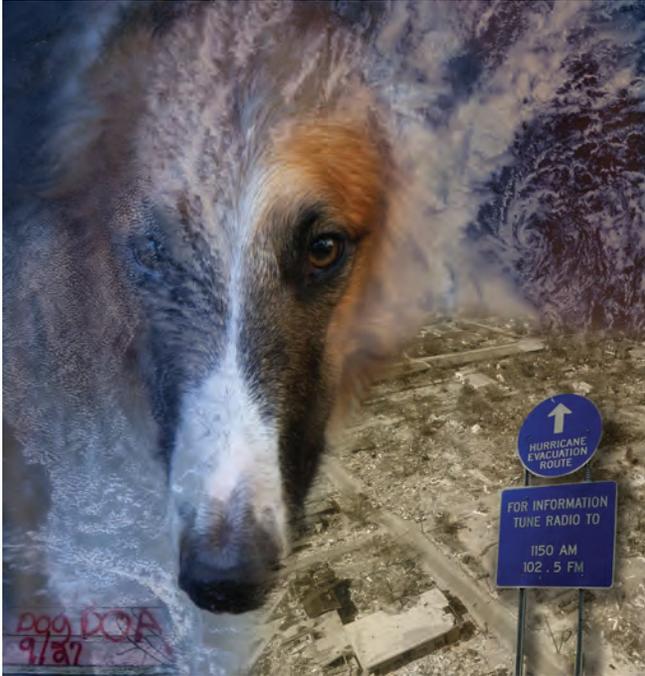


READYBORZOI

Hurricanes can be frightening things to be caught in. But with some forethought and preparation, you can make a storm easier and safer for you and your pets.



BRING THE DOG PET FRIENDLY

Don't leave your pet at home! While most evacuations last only a few days, there are times that you may not be able to return quickly. The safest place for your pet is with you.

If you are going to a hotel, call in advance to determine that your large breeds are welcome. Many hotels relax policies during crisis, but don't assume.

SPECIAL NEEDS

People with special needs or without transportation who have pets should contact their parish/county emergency managers (e.g. Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness) well ahead of time so that they can be registered for requiring special assistance.

www.petswelcome.com
www.pets-allowed-hotels.com
www.officialpethotels.com/Pets
www.expedia.com/Pet-Friendly/Hotel
www.trivago.com/Pet-Friendly/Hotels
www.bringfido.com/lodging

MAKE A KIT

Be sure that your pets are up-to-date on all vaccinations and bring proof of vaccinations with you. It is a good idea to ask your veterinarian now for a copy of your pet's vaccination record. Keep this with your emergency kit.

If your pet is on medication, bring at least a two week supply (including heart worm preventative, flea preventative).

Put together first aid supplies. The AVMA has a great checklist at <https://www.avma.org/public/EmergencyCare/Pages/Supplies-Checklist>.

In addition to your own emergency supplies, stock a pet hurricane box with leashes, food bowls, water, sealable containers for food, bedding, chews, treats, toys, and grooming supplies.

LEASH UP

If you're staying home to ride out the storm, keep your dog in its carrier or on a leash. You never know when you might be forced to evacuate. And even if that doesn't happen, you don't want to be tracking down a petrified dog during the chaos. Therefore, secure your pet before the storm hits.

ID ID ID ID ID

Identification of your pet is crucial! Microchips or tattoos are ideal. In addition, consider a break-away collar with your number embroidered on.

Create an id file for each dog. This is an insurance policy against the irrevocable loss of your pet in the event of a disaster.

The file should include current photographs (you will have to show a photograph to have your animal released to you from a shelter, or other holding facility; including yourself in the photos will facilitate this process), microchip identification number, adoption papers, a written description of your pet (canine, Borzoi, female, 7 years old, brindle, 70 lbs, etc), a description of your pet's distinctive markings (white paws, black spot on side, etc.), diet, medications, vaccination history, behavioral issues and personality. Place the file in a water-proof folder, and put it with your Pet Evacuation Kit.



For more resources on preparedness visit: borzoiclubofamerica.org/readyborzoi.

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