

**WHERE TO LOOK  
FOR LOST PETS  
AFTER A HURRICANE**

(Phone lines may be down)



**Animal Care and Control**

7100 Belvedere Rd., West Palm Beach  
Domestic animals and livestock  
(5 miles West of I-95) 561-233-1200 or 1272  
[www.pbcgov.com/pubsafety/animal](http://www.pbcgov.com/pubsafety/animal)

**Humane Society of the Palm Beaches**

3200 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach  
Domestic animals only, 561-686-3663  
(1 mile north of Okeechobee Blvd.)  
[www.hspb.org](http://www.hspb.org)

**Tri-County Humane Society**

21287 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton  
Domestic animals only, 561-482-8110  
(Just west of the Florida Turnpike off Glades Rd.)  
[www.tricountyhumane.org](http://www.tricountyhumane.org)

**Boynton Beach Animal Control** (Public Works)

415 NE 4th Street, Boynton Beach  
Domestic animals only 561-742-6210  
(City of Boynton Beach area only,  
at Boynton Beach Blvd. & west of US1 behind  
Bud's Chicken)

**Delray Beach Animal Control**

(Code Enforcement)  
400 block of SW 3rd Avenue,  
Delray Beach 561-243-7330  
Domestic animals only (four blocks south of Atlantic  
on Swinton under the water tower, City of Delray Beach  
area only)

**Safe Harbor Animal Rescue and Clinic**

185 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter  
(I-95 east at Jupiter exit)  
Domestic animals only 561-747-1598  
[www.safeharboranimalrescue.com](http://www.safeharboranimalrescue.com)

**OTHER WAYS TO FIND YOUR PET:**

- ✓ Put "LOST PET" flyers or posters in your neighborhood. Include a phone number where you can be contacted.
- ✓ Continue checking the animal shelters every day or two until your lost pet is found. Do not give up.
- ✓ Place an advertisement in local newspapers in the Lost & Found section. (Palm Beach Post: 1-800-392-7023, 561-820-4343 or Sun Sentinel: 1-800-250-2000, 561-278-6277 or 561-737-0110)
- ✓ Check newspapers and animal shelters for people who have found a pet.
- ✓ Notify your Veterinarian.



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**Public Safety Department**

**Animal Care and Control** 561-233-1200

**Emergency Management** 561-712-6400

# Preparing Dogs, Cats, and Livestock for Hurricanes



**What to do with your  
animal....**

**Before a Hurricane—**

**Plan Ahead!**

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e-mail: [pbcacc@pbcgov.org](mailto:pbcacc@pbcgov.org)

## Vaccinate your dog, cat, and livestock:

### Vaccines for Dogs:

Rabies, Distemper, Parvo-Corona, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, and Bordetella

### Vaccines for Cats:

Rabies, Distemper Combination, & Feline Leukemia

### Vaccines/Test for Horses:

Negative Coggins, Rabies & Tetanus, Eastern & Western Equine Encephalomyelitis

## Preparations for Housing your Pet

Contact local veterinarians and boarding facilities at the earliest possible time for reservations. There are no **Red Cross** Hurricane Shelters in Palm Beach County that allow pets.

There are over 12,000 lodgings in the United States and over 800 in the state of Florida that accept pets. Purchase a copy of *“Traveling With Your Pet - The AAA Pet-Book”* by AAA, a comprehensive guide, listing national as well as local hotel/motel accommodations allowing pets. It is available online or at any major bookstore. Be prepared to provide a current medical record. All pet boarding facilities require proof of current vaccinations and tag.

Dogs and cats must be wearing a current county rabies license tag. Call 561-233-1271 to update your address and phone number. Ask your veterinarian about providing an “Electronic Animal Identification Device” (microchip) or a tattoo for permanent pet identification. Animal Care and Control offers microchips and rabies vaccinations for \$5 each.

Lists of local boarding facilities and motels are available at [www.pbcgov.com/pubsafety/animal](http://www.pbcgov.com/pubsafety/animal). When taking your pet to a boarding facility or to a hotel/motel during a disaster evacuation, determine what supplies are needed, in advance. Some examples:

- ✓ Food and water for up to five days. Food should be wrapped in waterproof bags.

- ✓ Pet carrier large enough to permit pet to stand, turn around, and food and water bowls.
- ✓ Attach a label on the pet carrier with your name and several phone number contacts.
- ✓ Special medicines and first aid supplies.
- ✓ Bedding and grooming tools.
- ✓ Vaccination papers and special instructions about your pet’s behavior stored in plastic bag.
- ✓ Collar, current rabies tag, and leash, never use a choke chain to attach tags.
- ✓ Toys and snacks.
- ✓ Small plastic bags for waste pick up.
- ✓ Attach temporary I.D. with name and phone numbers of family or friends outside the disaster area.
- ✓ Take a photo of your pet with a family member as proof of ownership.

If you have to evacuate, know in advance where you and your pet will go, family, friend or hotel. If possible, pets are much better off with their owners than at a pet boarding facility. During a disaster evacuation, many hotels/motels will accept pets. Check for restrictions, fees, and availability

## Large Animals:

### What to do with your large animals:

Palm Beach County has seen a tremendous growth in the large animal population. The following information deals mostly with horses, but some information might be useful for other farm and exotic animals as well.

### Large Animal Identification Some Ideas:

- ✓ Take a picture of your horse with a family member in the photo as proof of ownership.
- ✓ Purchase fetlock ID bands and place them on both front feet.
- ✓ Using small animal clippers, body clip the owner’s phone number on the horse’s neck.
- ✓ Braid a waterproof luggage tag with medication and owner information into the horse’s tail.
- ✓ Put a halter on your horse with a luggage tag attached showing the owner’s name, address, and phone number.

## If you have to Evacuate Your Large Animal

If you plan to evacuate, have a destination and travel route in advance. Plan to leave 48 hours prior to the anticipated storm arrival. If you choose to board your animal locally, plan now and contact stables or barns.

## Large Animals... Preparing for a Hurricane:



If you are planning to stay at home during a hurricane, these guidelines may help:

- ✓ The decision of keeping your horse in a barn or in an very large open field is entirely your choice; however, if you choose to keep your horse in a barn, the structure strength should be considered.
- ✓ Remove items from the barn aisle and walls.
- ✓ Have a two week supply of hay and feed. Wrap the hay in plastic or waterproof tarp and the feed in a plastic water-tight container.
- ✓ Fill clean plastic garbage cans with water, secure the tops and place them in the barn.
- ✓ Prepare an emergency animal care kit (waterproof) with all items normally used. Secure in a safe place.
- ✓ Notify neighbors where you will be during the storm.
- ✓ Place two buckets of water and sufficient hay with each horse. After a hurricane, you may not have immediate access to the barn.
- ✓ Make sure the animal is wearing identification.

## After the Hurricane—What To Do!

**Upon returning to your home, you may discover that your pets and or livestock are not on the premises. You should immediately go to the animal shelter closest to your home. Be prepared to show ‘proof of ownership’ and pay a fee if you find your pets at one of the following animal shelters:**