

PETS

Pets are important family members. Advance planning is required to ensure that your pets are taken care of. The best option is to take your pets with you when you evacuate. If you have reservations at a motel, make sure that the location is pet friendly. Clemson University maintains a list of pet friendly motels. The list of pet friendly motels can be viewed at:

<http://www.clemson.edu/ep/motels.htm>

If you decide to use a public shelter, remember that pets are not always allowed in the shelter for health and space reasons.

Preparation:

- Include your pet in your Family Disaster Plan
- Make sure pets have current vaccinations – some shelters may require proof
- Current photograph
- Collar with identification tag on your pet
- Leash
- Proper sized pet carrier for each pet
- If you decide to place your pet in a shelter make sure there is room for them before you take them to the shelter

Pet Disaster Supply Kit:

- Identification, current photo and immunization records
- Ample supply of food and potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan
- Pet beds and toys
- Medication and Medical Records
- Leash, collar, harnesses, muzzle or carriers
- Information on feeding schedules, medical or behavior problems and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pet(s)

If you decide not evacuate:

- Bring your pet(s) inside in advance of the storm
- Reassure your pet
- After a disaster, animals can become aggressive or defensive – monitor their behavior

After the storm:

- Walk your pet on a leash until it becomes re-oriented with the area
- Watch for downed power lines, debris and wild animals that may have come onto your property