



Bermuda SPCA
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR ANIMAL OWNERS

BEFORE THE STORM

- 🐾 **Photos:** have recent photos of each of your pets.
- 🐾 **Flat collar with pet ID tags:** Quick release collar for cats.
- 🐾 **Dog license tag:** A dog license can help locate the dog's owner.
- 🐾 **Microchip your pet:** This is a digital device that can be inserted under the skin over the shoulders of your pet. This designates a number to your pet that can be cross referenced with you and your address.
- 🐾 **Have your pet up to date on all vaccines:** Including kennel cough and heartworm testing for dogs.
- 🐾 **Proof of ownership:** You will need proof of ownership to collect your animal from the shelter if it is found. This could include a photo ID and copy of a veterinary record matching your name and address.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT (One for each pet):

- 🐾 Pet carrier: Each Animal should have their own carrier. Familiarize your pet to the crate before you have an emergency.
- 🐾 One/two weeks supply of food and water
- 🐾 Collapsible food and water bowls
- 🐾 Can opener
- 🐾 Medications (minimum 1 weeks supply) & dosing instructions stored in waterproof container.
- 🐾 List of identifying features of your pet.
- 🐾 Microchip information
- 🐾 Your emergency contact information
- 🐾 Emergency contact information for your pet (Vet, Pet sitter, caregiver, etc.)
- 🐾 Extra collar and leash
- 🐾 Vaccination and medical records (store in waterproof container).
- 🐾 Your veterinarian's information (store in waterproof container).
- 🐾 Cat litter box and litter
- 🐾 Newspaper
- 🐾 Plastic bags for waste disposal
- 🐾 Paper towel
- 🐾 Pet beds and toys
- 🐾 Mild soap and disinfectant

DURING THE STORM

- 🐾 **DON'T** leave your pets chained up.
- 🐾 **DON'T** leave them outside. Animals left to roam are more likely to suffer injury from debris or risk being attacked by other roaming animals.
- 🐾 **DON'T** wait until the last minute to plan where your pets will stay.
- 🐾 **DO** bring your pets indoors.
- 🐾 **DO** store one/two weeks supply of food.
- 🐾 **DO** store one/two weeks supply of medication your pet may need.

IF YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE AND YOU CAN'T TAKE THEM WITH YOU:

- 🐾 **DO** put them in a room with no windows but adequate ventilation, such as a utility room, garage, bathroom or other area that can be easily cleaned.
- 🐾 **DO** ask a trusted neighbour to check on your animals if you are not at home.
- 🐾 **DO** leave only dry food and fresh water in non-spill containers. If possible, fill a large container or partially fill a bathtub with water.
- 🐾 **DO** separate dogs and cats even if they normally get along if you are not staying with them.
- 🐾 **DO** place a PET ALERT sign on your door or window.
- 🐾 Boarding may be available at the vet hospitals but spaces are limited.

AFTER THE STORM

- 🐾 Pet behaviour may change after the disaster has passed. Monitor your pets closely and keep them contained. Familiar landmarks and scents may be altered, causing confusion and abnormal behaviour.
- 🐾 Be aware of downed power lines, fallen trees, and other debris. Be aware that there may be other animals roaming free in your area.
- 🐾 If you find a pet, call the Bermuda SPCA at 236-7333 and veterinary clinic emergency numbers that have been set up after the disaster. Isolate that animal from your own animal(s).

IF YOUR PET IS MISSING

- 🐾 Call and visit the Bermuda SPCA. Bring a current photograph of your pet(s) to the Shelter and describe distinctive markings on the back of that picture. Also keep a note of the pet's microchip number. You will need ID to claim your pet from the SPCA
- 🐾 Create a flyer with your pet's photograph and description, the pet's name, your name and contact numbers.
- 🐾 Check with the Island's veterinary clinics and keep listening to the radio for pet updates.

IF YOU FIND YOUR PET ON YOUR OWN, IMMEDIATELY EXAMINE IT FOR ILLNESS OR INJURIES

AND IF NEEDED, OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM YOUR VETERINARIAN.

USE CAUTION WHEN HANDLING YOUR PET AS SCARED OR INJURED ANIMALS MAY BITE.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Bermuda SPCA Main Office: 236-7333
Animal Emergency Only Number: 737-1108
32 Valley Road, Paget PG 05
info@spca.bm

Government Animal Wardens: 239-2327
Botanical Gardens, Paget

Endsmeet Animal Hospital 236-3292
Middle Road, Devonshire

Ettrick Animal Hospital 236-0007
Middle Road, Warwick

Bermuda Feline Assistance Bureau
Voicemail only 291-1737