



## What to Do When Disaster Strikes

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Maryland recently experienced a whopper of a storm in Hurricane Sandy. As we approach the winter months, it is important to plan to protect not only ourselves, but our companion animals when disaster strikes. Just as you plan to for your family, plan for your pets. Make sure your pet has an identification tag in case you are separated. If you must evacuate, plan to take your pets with you and select a place to stay ahead of time.

Just as you should pack medicines and supplies for your family, you should also bring any medications and foods that are required for your pets to last over a five-day span. Make sure that your disaster kit includes basic first aid supplies for you and your pet, sturdy harnesses/leashes or carriers. For more information, check with your local humane groups or the Humane Society of the U.S.