

Keeping your pets safe during a Tornado

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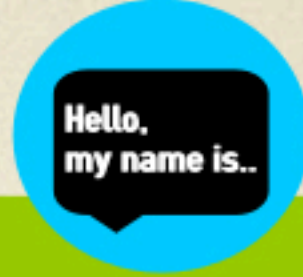
1. BRING YOUR PETS INSIDE.

- * If it's not safe for you outside, it's not safe for your pet.
- * Make sure you and your pets can get to your Tornado-safe area quickly and safely.



2. MAKE AN EMERGENCY KIT.

- * Keep emergency pet supplies in a tornado-proof room or cellar.
- * Supplies should be easy to find and transport, in case you need to evacuate.
- * Include the basics such as, food, water, treats, sanitation items, and a crate.



3. KEEP A COLLAR ON YOUR PET.

- * Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with identification that is up-to-date at all times.
- * To increase your chances of being reunited with a lost pet consider having them microchipped.



4. PRACTICE MAKES PURRFECT.

- * Practice getting your pets in the Tornado-safe area.
- * Do your best to train your pet to go to the area on command or to come to you on command even when there are distractions.
- * Learn how to quickly and safely secure your pets.
- * Find your pets' favorite hiding places and learn how to safely remove your pets from them.



5. PREPARE YOUR SAFE AREA.

- * Make your tornado-safe area animal friendly.
- * Move dangerous items such as tools or toxic products that have been stored in the area.
- * Close off or eliminate unsafe nooks and crannies where frightened pets may try to hide.



6. DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS.

- * If you have to evacuate, take your pets and their emergency supplies with you.
- * Arrange a place for pets to stay if you evacuate. Do not leave your pets at home. If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for them.



7. GIVE YOUR PETS SOME TLC.

- * Take special care of your pets after the tornado.
- * Keep pets on leashes or in carriers as they will probably be disoriented, and can easily get lost in such situations.
- * Be patient, but try to get your pets back to their normal routines as soon as possible.

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