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Subject: Check out the ASPCA Website: Disaster Preparedness

Dear Pet Parents,

If you currently have pets, or know of someone who does, please share this link to the ASPCA website: [Disaster Preparedness](#).

With the approaching hurricane, we want to prepare for our own safety with emergency water, food, candles, medications, etc, etc. We also want to make sure our pets will have all they need. I have a commercially prepared disaster bag (supplies for 2), for me and my husband, along with a wind-up multi-purpose radio, which is also a flashlight, and cell phone charger.

For my "kids" I have a commercial first aid kit, emergency homeopathic kit, canned food, dry, snacks, bottled and packaged emergency water, harnesses w/microchip and license/ID tags, leashes, bowls, carry bag, and current meds, supplements, towels, car seat w/seat belts, wee-wee pads, current medical records, and stroller. I have put all in one location, so we can grab it and run, if necessary.

The attached article goes into details about shelters, as well as other species, such as birds and reptiles. Friends of Nikki have had workshops on this in the past, and probably should do that again soon. It's a good idea to consider things that might be calming for your pet such as a "thunder shirt" or security wrap of some sort, calming flower essences, white noise machine, etc. For cats, litter, a carrier or collapsible crate, a pillowcase or mesh bag to catch them in to get out safely.

I will not be separated from my "babies", so having a plan to go somewhere safe where we all can be together is primary. I'm sure there are things I've forgotten to mention, but the idea is to be prepared. After reading the article, and my message, if you have additional thoughts or ideas, please feel free to share it with me.

I don't want to frighten, or unnecessarily alarm, anyone, but this storm is assumed to be a bad one, especially in some parts of the state. Being prepared is the best way to cope in any emergency.

Hope this helps.
Wishing you all a safe weekend.
Donna