



IF YOU GO,

THEY GO!

**DISASTER PLANNING
FOR PET OWNERS**



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The time to plan is NOW!

June 1st through November 30th is hurricane season. The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County (HSVB&IRC) urges you to prepare now in the event that you will have to evacuate your home because of a storm.

It's important for you to plan now to avoid last minute surprise and confusion when a storm is approaching. It is possible to evacuate with your pet if you plan ahead.



Never leave your pet behind!

Your pet depends on you for food, water, veterinary care, exercise, and most of all, to keep him safe! Please take your pet with you! If you are ordered to evacuate, your pet's life may be in jeopardy if you leave him behind. Remember, if it's not safe for you, it's not safe for your pet.

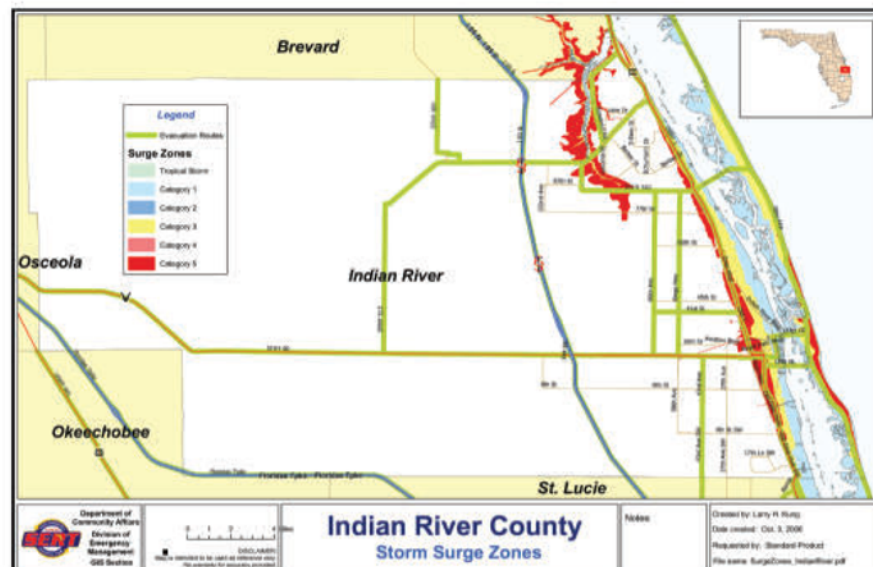
It's important to determine if you live in an evacuation zone. We have provided a chart showing evacuation routes and surge zones for Indian River County.



Do you live in a surge zone?

It's imperative that you and your pet seek safety during a storm if you live in a surge zone. The chart below will help you determine whether or not you live in a surge zone and if so, the best routes for evacuation.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY EVACUATION ROUTES AND SURGE ZONES



I.D. is the Key

ID tags are a lost pet's ticket home. HSVB & IRC offers FREE pet ID tags to any pet in our community. You should also speak with your veterinarian about microchipping. Microchipping is an inexpensive, permanent form of identification that's safe and effective for all pets.



If your home is a safe place...

If your home is a safe place during a storm and officials have not ordered you to evacuate, you and your pet should probably stay at your home until the storm passes. Prepare by stocking up on provisions including extra food, water, pet supplies and pet medications.



If you must evacuate

If you feel that you will not be safe in your home during a storm or if you have been ordered to evacuate, take your pet to a friend or family member's home in a safe area until the danger subsides. Be sure to bring emergency supplies for you and your pet.

If necessary, take your pet with you to a pet-friendly hotel located in a safe zone. Select several hotels in advance and call to confirm their pet policies. Once a storm is approaching, hotels fill up QUICKLY, so call and make a reservation as soon as you think you may have to evacuate. Remember, if you are ordered to evacuate, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET BEHIND! It is possible to evacuate with your pet if you plan ahead.

My pet is not allowed at the place where I'm going!



If you have a safe place to stay during a storm but your pet isn't welcome (for example, Red Cross shelters DO NOT accept pets), ask friends or family living in a safe zone to keep him/her until you're able to return home, or arrange in advance for your pet to go to a boarding kennel. **Please call the Humane Society of Vero Beach**

and Indian River

County if you live in an evacuation area, have special medical needs or if you are a health or disaster response worker so that you can pre-register your pet for temporary housing at our facility. Call (772) 388-3331 ext. 10 to pre-register.

Whether you take your pet to a hotel, a friend's house or to a boarding kennel, bring enough pet food and supplies to last for at least two weeks.



Emergency Phone Contacts

INJURED OR LOST ANIMALS

Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County
(772) 388-4592 (Lost and Found)

Indian River County Animal Control - (772) 226-3485

Vero Beach Police Department - (772) 978-4600

AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES

Indian River County Sheriff's Department - (772) 569-6700

Vero Beach Police Department - (772) 978-4600

WILDLIFE AND MARINE MAMMAL EMERGENCIES

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission - (888) 404-3922

ANIMAL POISONING

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline
(888) 426-4435

**IF A PERSON OR ANIMAL
IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER
PLEASE DIAL 911**



Disaster preparation for pets

1. Never leave your pet home alone or outside. The safest place for your pet is with you. Many hotels make exceptions during an evacuation and accept crated pets.
2. If you live in modular housing, on a barrier island or flood plain, arrange in advance for you and your pet to spend the storm with friends or family living in a safe zone, or contact hotels locally and outside your home area to see if they will permit pets.
3. If you must board your pet, check ahead to ensure the facility is not in a flood plain and will be attended throughout the storm.
4. Have travel carriers handy for evacuation.
5. Speak with your vet in advance about medication if your pet is fearful of noise or travel.
6. Prepare a travel kit for your pet. Include food, water, bedding, towels, medical supplies, leashes and a favorite toy for a two-week period.
7. Have your pet microchipped and register the chip number by calling The Humane Society at (772) 388-3331 ext. 10. Adopted pets from HSVB & IRC are already registered with the Humane Society.
8. Place several ID tags on your pet's collar, including temporary tags with phone numbers of friends or relatives who live outside your immediate area. The Humane Society provides FREE pet ID tags – just visit our shelter to pick some up for your pets.
9. If your pet should become lost during a storm or evacuation, immediately contact area Humane Societies. Have photos of your pet with you. Photos will greatly aid Humane Societies and animal care control agencies in reuniting you and your lost pet.
10. If you need assistance with your pets during a disaster or to become a Disaster Relief Volunteer, call The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County at (772) 388-3331.

Checklist of supplies to have ready for your pet in an emergency

Properly-fitted collar bearing pet's current license and identification tag • Leash • Portable crate/carrier for your pet • Food and water bowls

- A two-week supply of water and pet food in a watertight container (a manual can opener may be necessary if the food is canned)
- Up-to-date health records including a recent photo of you with your pet
- Your pet's medications - at least a one month supply
- Cat litter pan with cat litter and/or newspapers, litter scoop, and plastic bags for feces disposal
- Toys and healthy treats and towels
- First aid supplies



Pet First Aid Supplies



You may want to make a pet first aid kit for your home and another for your car. Place the contents in a plastic storage box, tackle box or coffee can with lid. Pre-made pet first-aid kits are available for purchase at pet supply stores, pharmacies, retail and discount stores and on-line. Pet first aid books are available for a nominal charge at The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County.

Sterile gauze pads (3" x 3" and 2" X 2") and gauze bandage rolls (1" and

2") • First-aid adhesive tape, 1" roll • Cotton swabs (Q-tips®) • Tweezers • Scissors • Plastic freezer/sandwich bags • Small bottle of 3% hydrogen peroxide • Styptic pencil or cornstarch (stems blood flow from minor cuts) • Antibacterial ointment • Antiseptic cleansing wipes • Kaopectate® or Pepto-Bismol® • A current pet first-aid book • Eyewash • Eyedropper • Mineral oil (a lubricant and laxative when given by mouth) • Digital or rectal thermometer in a plastic case • Leather work gloves (to protect you from being bitten) • Latex gloves • Leash • Thin rope • Splint materials (tongue depressor • 12-inch wooden ruler or thick magazine)

Hotel Directory for Indian River County (Mainland)

Best Western

8797 20th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32966
(772) 567-8321

Best Western Sebastian

1655 US Hwy 1
Sebastian, FL 32958
(772) 388-9300

Citrus Motel

3256 US Hwy 1
Vero Beach, FL 32960
(772) 562-4163

Country Inns and Suites

9330 19th Lane
Vero Beach, FL 32966
(772) 257-0252

Hampton Inn

9350 19th Lane
Vero Beach, FL 32966
(772) 770-4299

Holiday Inn Express

9400 19th Lane
Vero Beach, FL 32966
(772) 567-2500

Comfort Inn

950 US Hwy 1
Vero Beach, FL 32960
(772) 569-0900

Vero Beach Resort Inn and Suites

8800 20th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32966
(772) 562-9991

Please call in advance to check their pet policies during an emergency.