

# READYBORZOI

*Hurricanes can be frightening things to be caught in. But with some forethought and preparation, you can make the storm easier and safer for you and your pet.*



## BRING THE DOG

Don't leave your pet at home! While most evacuations last only a few days, there are times that you may not be able to return quickly. The safest place for your pet is with you.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

People with special needs or without transportation who have pets should contact their parish/county emergency managers (e.g. Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness) well ahead of time so that they can be registered for requiring special assistance.

## PET FRIENDLY

If you are going to a hotel, call in advance to determine that your large breeds are welcome. Many hotels relax policies during crisis, but don't assume.

[www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com)

[www.pets-allowed-hotels.com](http://www.pets-allowed-hotels.com)

[www.officialpethotels.com/  
Pets](http://www.officialpethotels.com/Pets)

[www.expedia.com/Pet\\_  
Friendly/Hotel](http://www.expedia.com/Pet_Friendly/Hotel)

[www.trivago.com/Pet-  
Friendly/Hotels](http://www.trivago.com/Pet-Friendly/Hotels)

[www.bringfido.com/lodging](http://www.bringfido.com/lodging)

## MAKE A KIT

Be sure that your pets are up-to-date on all vaccinations and bring proof of vaccinations with you. It is a good idea to ask your veterinarian now for a copy of your pet's vaccination record. Keep this with your emergency kit.

If your pet is on medication, bring at least a two week supply (including heart worm preventative, flea preventative).

Put together first aid supplies. The AVMA has a great checklist at <https://www.avma.org/public/EmergencyCare/Pages/Supplies-Checklist>.

In addition to your own emergency supplies, stock a pet hurricane box with leashes, food bowls, water, sealable containers for food, bedding, chews, treats, toys, and grooming supplies.

## LEASH UP

If you're staying home to ride out the storm, keep your dog in its carrier or on a leash. You never know when you might be forced to evacuate. And even if that doesn't happen, you don't want to be tracking down a petrified dog during the chaos. Therefore, secure your pet before the storm hits.

## ID ID ID ID ID

Identification of your pet is crucial! Microchips or tattoos are ideal. In addition, consider a break-away collar with your number embroidered on.

Create an id file for each dog. This is an insurance policy against the irrevocable loss of your pet in the event of a disaster.

The file should include current photographs (you will have to show a photograph to have your animal released to you from a shelter, or other holding facility; including yourself in the photos will facilitate this process), microchip identification number, adoption papers, a written description of your pet (canine, Borzoi, female, 7 years old, brindle, 70 lbs, etc), a description of your pet's distinctive markings (white paws, black spot on side, etc.), diet, medications, vaccination history, behavioral issues and personality. Place the file in a water-proof folder, and put it with your Pet Evacuation Kit.



**For more resources on preparedness visit: [borzoiclubofamerica.org/readyborzoi](http://borzoiclubofamerica.org/readyborzoi).**

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