

-PETS-

EMERGENCY PLANNING



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Glynn County is estimated to be home to well over 70,000 pets. These animals provide love and quality to our lives but not without a price; they depend on us for their care, feeding and well-being. Pets are a part of our family; with their ownership comes responsibility for ensuring their safety. When we are threatened so are our pets. If we face a potential danger that warrants our evacuation, so do our pets. Leaving pets behind, even if you try to create a safe place for them, could result in their being injured, lost, or killed. Animals cannot survive hurricane conditions any better than humans; they **must** be included in your evacuation plans.

This plan has been prepared from a wide variety of sources and adapted to emergency conditions that could occur in Glynn County. It is designed to assist in developing an emergency plan for your pet in the event of an evacuation.

TAKING CARE OF THE FAMILY PET

Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and fires are a few of the catastrophic events that threaten our community. While no one likes to think about these possibilities, the fact is that no individual or community is immune from disasters. Thankfully, they are rare and random. But their very rarity and randomness often leads us toward a false sense of security. By thinking “It could never happen here.” we postpone the kind of thinking we really need – that is, “It could happen here and what will we do when it does?”

The best way to prepare for disasters is to avoid the disaster in the first place by evacuating early and taking your pets with you. If it's not safe for you, it's not safe for your pets. Animals left behind inside a home can escape through storm-damaged areas such as broken windows. Animals released to care for themselves may become victims of exposure, starvation, predators, contaminated food or water, or accidents. Leaving animals chained inside or outside is extremely risky.

Please don't leave me!



- If you leave, even if you think you may only be gone for a few hours, take your animals. Once you leave your home, you have no way of knowing how long you'll be kept out of the area, and you may not be able to return to the area for your pets.
- Leave early! Don't wait for a mandatory evacuation order. An unnecessary trip is far better than waiting too

HOW TO PREVENT LOSING YOUR PET

With the unfamiliar sights and sounds that precede a disaster, pets can easily become confused and get lost.



- Dogs and cats should wear identification at all times. ID tags should include your name, address and phone number. More permanent methods of identification include microchips, freeze markings and tattoos; these are most useful if the information is included in a national registry.

- Current photographs of your pet will help with identification after a disaster.



- Know your pet's common and favorite hiding places. Once the chaos starts, this is where you'll find them.

FIND A SAFE PLACE AHEAD OF TIME

Your family and pets will be far better off if you shelter together. If you can't find a pet-friendly environment for both your pet and your family, choose dual locations that are nearby. Consider a hotel or shelter near an animal boarding facility. This will allow you to spend as much time with your pet as possible during your stay away from home. This is very important and must be preplanned, so select several options and be ready to make early reservations. Have back-up plans at hand when making your reservations.

- Evacuees requiring public transportation can transport their pets on the school buses, but must meet all requirements, including pet carriers, food, water, immunization records, and any medicines. Owners are responsible for pets maintenance and well being. A state pet shelter will be opened at the Waycross Fairgrounds. This shelter is located on U.S. 82 on the way into Waycross.
- Public shelters will not accept pets, except for service animals.



- Once you establish your family shelter location, make a list of places where you can get veterinary care, food, shelter and housing for your pets in an emergency. Find out what they provide and what they would need from you. Make a commitment to gather this information and make contingency reservations now. Special accommodations may be required for birds or exotic animals.
- Because evacuation shelters generally don't accept pets, except for service animals, you must plan ahead to ensure that your family and pets will have a safe place to stay. Don't wait until disaster strikes, do your research now.
- Using the list at the end of this plan, of pet-friendly hotels and motels outside Glynn County, verify their policies of accepting pets. Ask about restrictions on number, size and species. Ask if "no pet" policies would be waived in an emergency. Make a list of pet friendly places in the area you plan to use as an evacuation destination. Make a reservation as soon as you think you may have to leave your home.
- Check with friends, relatives or others outside Glynn County. Ask if they would be able to shelter you and your animals or just your animals. If necessary, if you have more than one pet, you may have to be prepared to house your pets separately.
- Waycross Fair Grounds would be available as a pet shelter for Glynn County evacuees. Remember your pets must be in a travel carrier or kennel. Pets must have shot records, food, and water for 7-14 days. You are responsible for your pet's maintenance and well being. Any questions contact Glynn County Animal Services (912-554-7500) or Glynn County Emergency Management Agency (912-554-7826)

PREPARE A DISASTER KIT FOR EACH PET

You should have a disaster kit for each pet. Check the contents of the kit twice a year when the clocks change for daylight savings time. Rotate all foods into use and replace with fresh food. Here are some items recommended for your disaster kit:



- Extra collars and tags, harnesses and leashes for all pets.
- Flea and Tick Prevention Medicine
- Muzzles for aggressive dogs
- A manual can opener.
- A supply of stored drinking water.
- Food and water containers for each pet.
- Fresh food and water for each pet (extra pet food to avoid diet changes in stressful situations).
- Paper towels, plastic bags & disinfectant for waste cleanup.
- Copies of your pet's medical and vaccination records. Dogs must have proof of current vaccinations for rabies, DHLPP, Bordetella and corona. Cats require proof of current vaccinations for rabies, feline leukemia, and FVRCP.
- If your pet is on medication, ask your veterinarian about an extra supply of medication or keep a copy of the prescription in your kit. Replace medications before they expire.
- Include a recent photo of your pet.
- Your crate should be easily accessible and large enough for your pet to stand up and turn around; include a blanket or sleeping mat. Label the crate with your pet's name, your name and where you can be reached. Ideally the crate will be lightweight and capable of being folded when not in use.

EXOTIC PETS

If you have exotic pets, do not travel with them in glass containers; obtain appropriate and secured housing for them long before you evacuate. As with all pets, you may want to let them spend time in their temporary home from time to time so they become accustomed to it. If your pet requires live meals, be sure to also have two weeks' supply of meals contained in non-glass and secured housing. Your live meal creatures will also require food and water. Check with your local pet store to see if freeze-dried meals or other alternatives are appropriate for a short period. Test this alternative in advance of evacuating to make sure your pet accepts the alternative meals.

Birds

Birds should be transported in a secure travel cage or carrier. In cold weather, wrap a blanket over the carrier and warm the car before placing birds inside. During warm weather, carry a plant mister to periodically mist the birds' feathers. Do not put water inside the carrier during transport. Provide a few slices of fresh fruits and vegetables with high water content. If the carrier does not have a perch, line it with paper towels and change them frequently. Try to keep the carrier in a quiet area. Do not let the birds out of the cage or carrier.



- Travel cage or carrier
- ID for birds: leg bands, microchips and tattoos.
- Photo for identification.
- Food and water containers and a four day supply of food and water.

Reptiles, Snakes & Lizards



- Pillowcase for transport
- Secure housing
- Four-day supply of food and water
- Water bowl large enough for soaking
- Heating pad

Pocket Pets (Hamsters, etc.)



- Secure carriers
- Bedding materials
- Food and water containers and a four day supply of food and water

WHAT TO DO AS A DISASTER APPROACHES

- Often warnings are issued hours, even days, in advance. At the first hint of disaster, act to protect your pet.
- Call ahead and confirm your emergency shelter arrangements for you and your pets.
- Check to be sure your pet disaster supplies are ready to take at a moments notice.
- Bring all pets into the house so you won't have to search for them if you have to leave in a hurry.
- Make sure all dogs and cats are wearing collars and that they are securely fastened and have up-to-date identification. Attach the phone number and address of your temporary shelter, if you know it, or of a friend or relative outside the disaster area. You can buy temporary tags or put adhesive tape on the back of your pet's ID tag, adding information with an indelible pen.



The person should be comfortable with your pets, know where the animals are likely to be, know where your pet disaster supply kit is kept and have a key to your home. If you use a pet-sitting service, they may be available to help, but discuss the possibility well in advance.

Planning and preparation will enable you to evacuate with your pets quickly and safely. But, bear in mind that animals react differently under stress. Outside your home and in the car, keep dogs securely leashed. Transport cats in carriers. Don't leave animals unattended anywhere they can run off. The most trustworthy pets may panic, hide, try to escape, or even bite or scratch. And, when you return home, give your pets time to settle back into their routines. Consult your veterinarian if any behavior problems persist.

You may not be home when the evacuation order comes. Find out if a trusted neighbor would be willing to take your pets and meet you at a prearranged location.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT CHECKLIST FOR PETS

- Written family disaster plan
- Crate and bedding
- Food, water, manual can opener and bowls
- Flea and Tick Prevention Medicine
- Plastic bags, paper towels, shredded newspaper for cat litter), disinfectant
- Kitty Litter and Litter Box
- Collar, leash, harnesses
- Muzzles
- Identification tags
- Current medical and vaccination records
- Extra daily medications or copies of prescriptions with current expiration date
- Current photos
- Pet comfort items: towels, blankets, toys
- Detailed instructions for animal care.

PET FRIENDLY PLACES TO STAY

Acworth

Best Western Frontier Inn (770) 974-0116
 Econo Lodge.....(770) 974-1922
 Red Roof Inn(770) 974-5400

Adairsville

Comfort Inn(770) 773-2886

Adel

Hampton Inn(912) 896-3099

Albany

Best Western Mall Inn....(229) 446-2001
 Holiday Inn(866) 270-5112
 Howard Johnson Exp.....(229) 446-8000
 Ramada Inn.....(229) 446-0010
 Super 8.....(229) 888-8388
 Wingate Inn(229) 883-9800

Alpharetta

Amerisuites Northpoint Mall (770) 594-8788
 La Quinta Inn & Suites...(770) 754-7800
 Residence Inn.....(770) 664-0664
 Staybridge Suites(770) 569-7200

Ashburn

Ramada Limited.....(229) 567-3295

Athens

Best Western Colonial Inn (706) 546-7311
 Holiday Inn(706) 549-4433
 Holiday Inn Express(706) 546-8122
 Travelodge(706) 549-5400

Atlanta

Best Western Inn at the Peachtrees
(404) 577-6970
 Best Western Granada Suites Downtown
(404) 876-6130
 Days Inn Peachtree(404) 874-9200
 Holiday Inn Airport North (404) 762-8412
 La Quinta Inn & Suites Paces Ferry
(770) 801-9002
 La Quinta Inn & Suites Medical Center
(770) 350-6177
 Red Roof Inn Airport North (404) 209-1800
 Red Roof Inn Druid Hills (404) 321-1653
 Residence Inn Buckhead (404) 239-0677
 Residence Inn Downtown(404) 522-0950
 Residence Inn Dunwoody(770) 455-4446
 Residence Inn Historic Midtown
(404) 872-8885
 Residence Inn Perimeter West

.....(404) 252-5066
 Residence Inn Buckhead Lenox Park
(404) 467-1660
 Residence Inn Midtown 17th St
(404) 745-1000
 Sheraton Buckhead.....(404) 261-9250
 Sheraton Downtown(404) 659-6500
 Sheraton Gateway-Airport (770) 997-1100
 Sheraton Midtown at Colony Square
(404) 892-6000
 Sheraton Suites Galleria .(770) 955-3900
 Staybridge Suites Perimeter (678) 320-0111
 Townplace Suites - Northlake
(770) 938-0408

W Hotel Perimeter Center (770) 396-6800
 Westin Peachtree Plaza Downtown
(404) 659-1400
 Westin Hotel North at Perimeter
(770) 395-3900
 Westin - Airport.....(404) 762-7676

Augusta

Amerisuites Riverwatch Parkway
(706) 733-4656
 Comfort Inn(706) 855-6060
 Comfort Inn Medical Center (706) 722-2224
 Holiday Inn I-20(706) 737-2300
 La Quinta(706) 733-2660
 Ramada Inn & Conference Center
(706) 722-5541
 Red Roof Inn & Suites ...(706) 228-3031

Austell

La Quinta Inn Six Flags..(770) 944-2110

Bremen

Days Inn.....(770) 537-4646

Byron

Best Western Inn & Suites (478) 956-3056
 Econo Lodge.....(478) 956-5600

Calhoun

Days Inn.....(706) 629-9191
 Ramada Limited.....(706) 629-9207

Cartersville

Comfort Inn(770) 387-1800
 Days Inn.....(770) 382-1824
 Econo Lodge.....(770) 386-3303
 Howard Johnson Express(770) 386-0700
 Quality Inn.....(770) 386-0510

Super 8 Motel(770) 382-8881

College Park

Amerisuites - Airport.....(770) 994-2997

Marriott Hotel - Airport..(404) 305-1878

Columbus

Baymont Inn & Suites(706) 323-4344

Howard Johnson Express(706) 322-6641

La Quinta Inn Midtown ..(706) 568-1740

Commerce

Comfort Inn(706) 335-9001

Howard Johnson Inn & Suites (706) 335-5581

Red Roof Inn & Suites ...(706) 335-3640

Conyers

La Quinta Inn & Suites...(770) 918-0092

Ramada Limited.....(770) 760-0777

Cordele

Best Western Colonial Inn.(229) 273-5420

Ramada Inn.....(229) 273-5000

Covington

Best Western Executive Inn (770) 787-4900

Holiday Inn Express(770) 784-9200

Dalton

Days Inn.....(706) 278-0850

Holiday Inn(706) 278-0500

Howard Johnson Inn.....(706) 226-4545

Dawsonville

Best Western Dawson Village Inn

.....(706) 216-4410

Comfort Inn(706) 216-1900

Decatur

Days Inn & Suites.....(770) 981-5670

Inn & Suites

.....(478) 275-2650

Comfort Inn(478) 274-8000

Duluth

Amerisuites - Gwinnett Mall (770) 623-9699

Amerisuites - Johns Creek (770) 622-5858

La Quinta Inn.....(678) 957-0500

Residence Inn - Gwinnett PI (770) 921-2202

Forsyth

Best Western Hilltop Inn (478) 994-9260

Candlewood Suites(678) 380-0414

Days Inn.....(478) 994-2900

Econo Lodge.....(478) 994-5603

Hampton Inn(478) 994-9697

Holiday Inn I-75(478) 994-5691

La Quinta(678) 474-9700

Hapeville

Residence Inn - Airport ..(404) 761-0511

Jonesboro

Holiday Inn South I-75...(770) 968-4300

Kennesaw

Best Western Kennesaw Inn (770) 424-7666

Days Inn.....(770) 419-1576

Lake Park

Days Inn.....(229) 559-0229

Holiday Inn Express(229) 559-5181

Travelodge(229) 559-0110

Lavonia

Best Western Regency Inn & Suites

.....(706) 356-4000

Lawrenceville

Days Inn.....(770) 995-7782

Locust Grove

Red Roof Inn(678) 583-0004

Macon

Best Western Inn & Suites (478) 781-5300

Comfort Inn & Suites(478) 746-8855

Days Inn.....(478) 745-8521

Days Inn West(478) 784-1000

Hampton Inn I-75(478) 471-0660

Holiday Inn Conference Center

.....(478) 788-0120

La Quinta Inn & Suites...(478) 475-0206

Quality Inn.....(478) 781-7000

Red Roof Inn(478) 477-7477

Residence Inn.....(478) 475-4280

Sleep Inn(478) 476-8111

Marietta

Comfort Inn(770) 952-3000

La Quinta Inn.....(770) 951-0026

McDonough

Comfort Inn(770) 954-9110

Days Inn.....(770) 957-6638

Morrow

Quality Inn Southlake.....(770) 960-1957

Red Roof Inn(770) 968-1483

Sleep Inn(770) 472-9800

Norcross

Amerisuites Peachtree Center

.....(770) 416-7655

Homestead(770) 449-9966

La Quinta Inn - Jimmy Carter Blvd

.....(770) 448-8686

La Quinta Inn - Peachtree Industrial

.....(770) 449-5144
Red Roof Inn - Indian Trail (770) 448-8944
Red Roof Inn - Peachtree(770) 446-2882
Residence Inn - Peachtree Corners
.....(770) 447-1714
Townplace Suites.....(770) 447-8446

Peachtree City

Holiday Inn(770) 487-2330
Sleep Inn(770) 486-0044

Perry

Comfort Inn(478) 987-7710
Quality Inn.....(478) 987-1345

Smyrna

Amerisuites - Atlanta Galleria
.....(770) 384-0060
Homestead - Cumberland(770) 432-4000
Red Roof Inn - North.....(770) 952-6966
Residence Inn - Cumberland.(770) 433-8877

Statesboro

Days Inn.....(912) 764-5666

Stockbridge

Best Western Inn(770) 474-8771
Red Roof Inn(678) 782-4100 **Suwanee**
Comfort Inn(770) 945-1608

Swainsboro

Days Inn.....(478) 237-2288

Sylvester

Days Inn.....(229) 776-9700

Tallapoosa

Comfort Inn(770) 574-5575

Thomaston

Days Inn.....(706) 648-9260

Thomasville

Days Inn.....(229) 226-6025
Quality Inn & Suites.....(229) 225-2134

Thomson

Best Western White Columns Inn

.....(706) 595-8822
Days Inn.....(706) 595-2262

Tifton

Econo Lodge.....(229) 382-0280
Hampton Inn(229) 382-8800
Holiday Inn I-75(229) 382-6687
Ramada Limited.....(229) 382-8500

Toccoa

Days Inn.....(706) 886-9461

Tucker

Masters Inn(770) 938-3552
Red Roof Inn(770) 496-1311

Union City

Red Roof Inn(770) 306-7750

Valdosta

Best Western King of the Road
.....(229) 244-7600
Comfort Inn Conference Center

.....(229) 242-1212
Days Inn Valdosta Road.(229) 244-4460

Days Inn.....(229) 249-8800

Holiday Inn I-75(229) 242-3881

Quality Inn North.....(229) 244-8510

Quality Inn South.....(229) 244-4520

Super 8 Motel(229) 249-8000

Vidalia

Days Inn.....(912) 537-9251

Holiday Inn Express(912) 537-9000

Warner Robins

Best Western Peach Inn..(478) 953-3800

Comfort Inn & Suites Warner Robins

AFB.....(478) 922-7555