

Veterinary Medical Center of St. Lucie County

Hurricane Boarding Requirements

Update: We are no longer offering pre-registration for our hurricane boarding. It will be on a first come first serve basis. All deposits will be taken at the time of drop off.

Hurricane season is amongst us and we want to ensure that our pets are not forgotten in the planning phase.

Our season begins June 1st and will end November 30th. Pre-planning is essential to ensure that you and your family, including your pets, remain safe during the season.

The following are required prior to your pet's stay:

For our canine patients: Distemper, parvovirus, Bordetella, and rabies vaccines and a negative fecal within the last year. Proof that pet is on heartworm prevention and flea control is also required.

For our feline patients: Distemper and rabies vaccines and a negative fecal within the last year. Proof that your pet is on flea control.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR THOSE PETS THAT ARE NOT UP TO DATE ON VACCINATIONS. WE WILL NOT BE VACCINATING DURING A STORM WARNING (GENERALLY ISSUES 36 HOURS PRIOR TO PROJECTED STORM LANDING) OR DURING THE STORM SO PLEASE PLAN AHEAD TO PREVENT BEING TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF VACCINE PROOF.

If we have not seen your pets for vaccinations, you must provide written proof of vaccinations from your current or previous regular veterinarian. Be aware that getting vaccination history can take days so plan ahead.

The following items are required during your pet's stay:

One (1) gallon of water per pet.

Own diet and medications, enough for 3 days per pet, stored in airtight containers.

Two (2) non-breakable bowls, one for food, the other for water.

All belongings must be labeled with your pet's name and your last name. We cannot guarantee the return of any unlabeled items.

Please do not bring in any bedding as this will be provided.

The following are a list of sites to aide you in hurricane preparation.

<http://www.ready.gov/caring-animals>

<http://www.weather.com>

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>