



# SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

## General Preparedness for Officers

- ✓ Create a local response plan for animals in disasters (with EOC involvement)
- ✓ Fuel up vehicles and trailers - fuel shortages are common after storms
- ✓ Keep essential equipment ready: leashes, gloves, chip scanner, crates, PPE, first aid, maps
- ✓ Document key locations: farms, kennels, boarding sites, and evacuation routes
- ✓ Secure mutual aid agreements and maintain updated local contacts

## ACO Field Priorities During Storms

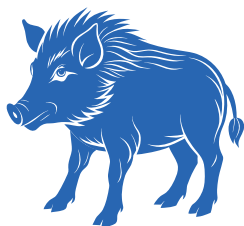
- ✓ Monitor known farms and pet-heavy neighborhoods
- ✓ Track all animal-related 911 or shelter-in-place reports
- ✓ Communicate resource needs to EOC (feed, vet support, transport)
- ✓ Only enter unsafe areas with proper clearance
- ✓ Use NASAAEP's Species Transport Guide for handling nontraditional species

## Livestock and Companion Animal Outreach & Support

- ✓ Encourage microchip with registered info, collar with ID tag, phone number written directly on collar, printed photo with contact info
- ✓ Encourage phone number on belly with a permanent marker
- ✓ Label crates with name, contact info, and animal details
- ✓ Move animals to high-ground enclosures
- ✓ Stock 2+ weeks of water and feed in waterproof containers
- ✓ Encourage farms to register with local animal emergency teams and keep trailers accessible

## Key Resources

- NASAAEP Best Practices Library (<https://nasaaep.org/>)
- Household Pet & Equine Transport Guides
- Local EOC & Shelter Partners
- SART/CART, NGOs & Vet Networks



## FERAL HOG MANAGEMENT TIPS



### BEFORE THE STORM:

If a hurricane is forecasted, accelerate trapping efforts and remove gear from flood-prone areas



### DURING THE STORM:

Hogs will hunker down in areas with food, water, cover, and dry ground—often overlapping with livestock zones



### AFTER THE STORM:

Expect disrupted patterns and abundant natural food—be patient and adjust trapping tactics as conditions stabilize

Visit or call [pigbrig.com](http://pigbrig.com) for more resources

# PET & LIVESTOCK STORM PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

## Pre-Storm Checklist for Pet Owners

- ✓ 1 week of food per pet (in waterproof container)
- ✓ 2 weeks of meds & printed medical records
- ✓ Water for at least 5-7 days
- ✓ Toys, towel, and blanket for comfort
- ✓ Waste bags or litter supplies
- ✓ Extra leash/harness/slip lead
- ✓ Collar with ID tag and your phone number written on it in permanent marker
- ✓ Microchip updated and registered
- ✓ Mark your phone number on your pet's belly in permanent marker
- ✓ Print a photo with your pet's name and your contact info
- ✓ Avoid zip ties on crates - use carabiners or clips for easy access
- ✓ Label your crate inside and out with pet and owner details
- ✓ Have an evacuation plan (pack safely, plan destination, know pet-friendly shelters)



## For Livestock & Horse Owners

- ✓ Move animals to secure, elevated enclosures
- ✓ Store 14 days of feed and clean water
- ✓ Label animals with waterproof tags or spray paint
- ✓ Keep trailer access clear and check tire pressure and fuel
- ✓ Print transport documents and photos for each animal

**▲ IMPORTANT: Never release animals to 'fend for themselves' - it creates public safety hazards**

## Post-Storm Safety

- ✓ Keep pets leashed; familiar places may be dangerous
- ✓ Avoid floodwater and debris
- ✓ Watch for signs of stress or injury
- ✓ Reintroduce pets to home slowly using comfort items
- ✓ Check fences and structures for damage
- ✓ Document injuries or losses with photos
- ✓ Boil water or test well water before use
- ✓ Seek vet care and report large-scale needs

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS (FILL IN LOCALLY)

Animal Control: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Management Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet-Friendly Shelters: \_\_\_\_\_

Livestock Evacuation Help: \_\_\_\_\_