



DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT

# Checklist for Assistance Animals and Pets<sup>1</sup>

## What you need to do to keep them safe during a hurricane

### Make an emergency supply kit or your animal:

1. Food for 3-7 days
  - Do not rely on shelters to provide food for your service animal
2. Extra water
3. ID tags
4. Veterinarian records
5. Medication
6. Blanket

### If you have a service animal:

- You have the legal right to keep your service animal with you at all times. Fill out the [Service Animal and Pet Identification Form](#) to give to first responders
- Put the completed form about your service animal in your animal's emergency kit.

### Emotional Support Animals (ESAs):

- Get a letter from your doctor that explains why you need an ESA. Put that letter in your animal's emergency kit. Give this letter to a shelter if they say your animal cannot come in with you. They may be able to make alternate arrangements.
- If you are able to, call the emergency shelter before arriving to inform them of your assistance animal.

Get  
Help

For more information about the Disaster Recovery Project,  
visit [disabilityrightsc.org](https://disabilityrightsc.org), or call [\(919\) 856-2195](tel:9198562195)

<sup>1</sup> For more detailed information, please see DRNC's fact sheet, "Assistance Animals in Emergency Shelter Settings."

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To get assistance during a disaster, please call the AskDRNC hotline at [\(800\)-626-4959](tel:8006264959), which is available during a declared state of emergency