



DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT

Checklist for Assistance Animals and Pets¹

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 disabilityrightsnc.org, or call [\(919\) 856-2195](tel:9198562195)

¹ 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