

## Get Prepared with Bo and Sunny

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FEMALE SPEAKER: If you're like millions of animal lovers nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. Unfortunately, pets are affected by disaster too and rely on their owners to keep them safe.

The likelihood that you and your animals will survive a disaster depends largely on emergency planning done today.

Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what's best for you pets. Storms or other disasters may frighten your pet. Bring them inside before a storm to stay safe. For public health reasons some emergency shelters cannot accept pets so pre-identify pet friendly shelters.

Find out which motels and hotels in the area you plan to evacuate allow pets. Before you find yourself in an emergency situation pack a pet survival kit which could be easily grabbed if disaster hits. Take pet food, medications, veterinary records, bottled water, manual can opener, food dishes, first aid kit and other supplies with you in case they're not available later.

Make sure you have a current photo of you with your pet for identification purposes. Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pets' collar. If possible, attach the address and or phone number of your evacuation site.

If your pet gets lost, their tag is their ticket home. Make sure you have a secure pet carrier, leash or harness so that if your pet panics, they can't escape. With these simple preparations you can be ready for the unexpected.

It's important to stay informed about what might happen and know what types of emergencies are likely to affect your region as well as emergency plans that have been established by your state, local or travel government.

Take the time now to get yourself and your pet ready. For more information about how to prepare, visit [ready.gov/pets](http://ready.gov/pets).