



## Hurricane Preparedness

### *Staying on island?...*

#### *Identification:*

Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification information. Your pet's ID tag should contain its name, your contact telephone number and any urgent medical needs. We also recommend microchipping your pet as a more permanent form of identification, should your pet's collar or tag become detached. The microchip can be read at animal shelters and veterinary clinics.

#### *Housing:*

Always bring your pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm as they can become disoriented and wander away from home. Determine which rooms in the house offer safe havens. These rooms should be clear of hazards such as windows, flying debris, etc. Choose easy to clean areas such as utility rooms and bathrooms. In the event of flooding, go to the highest location in your home, or a room that has access to counters or high shelves where your pet can take shelter.

#### *Shelters:*

Some hurricane shelters do not accept pets. Please contact beforehand so that you may be able to organize alternative shelter with friends or pet-friendly hotels should you need to evacuate from your home.

#### *Food and medications:*

Ensure that you have at least one month's supply of food, water and prescription medications in preparation for the storm. Shipping may be delayed to the island after the storm's passage.

#### *Calming medications:*

Ask your veterinarian about oral and aerosol medications (prescription and non-prescription) to help with stress and anxiety caused by storm phobias and change in environment. Please ask your veterinarian for recommendations.

#### *Emergency kit:*

Store an emergency kit and leashes close to a planned exit. Make sure that everyone in the household knows where it is and that it is easy to carry. Your emergency kit should include the following:

#### **Pet first aid kit:**

- 7 days worth of food/ treats
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans)
- Doggie bags
- Litter
- Paper towel
- Disposable garbage bags
- Feeding and water bowls
- 2 week supply of prescription medications
- At least 7 days worth of water
- Recent photos of your pet (in case you become separated)
- Medical records
- Extra collar and leash
- Blanket/Bedding/ Toys
- Traveling bag, carrier or crate
- Baby wipes/ waterless shampoo
- Liquid dish soap/ disinfectant



## *Evacuating from the Storm?...*

If you wish to travel off Island with your pet:

### *Health Certificates:*

All animals intending to travel will require a veterinary health certificate to be issued by your veterinarian. Once an official tropical storm or hurricane watch/ warning is issued for the country, the Department of Agriculture will advise if health certificates will be expedited.

Please ask your veterinarian for detailed travel guidelines.

### *Microchip, Rabies & Rabies titres:*

In order to return to the Island, your pet must have a microchip, current rabies vaccine certificate and a current rabies blood titer test.

**Animals who leave the island without a current rabies vaccine certificate & blood titer test will not be able to return to Cayman for at least 6 months.**

### *Prescription medications and medical records:*

Ensure that you have at least one month's supply of prescription medication prior to travel. Also have a copy of your pet's medical record incase your pet requires medical attention while you are away or you are unable to return to the island after passage of the hurricane.

