Hurricane season runs from **June 1 through November 30**, but having a plan for your pet’s safety is beneficial year-round. You can use this checklist to ensure that you and your pet are ready in any emergency.

1. **Consider these options for your pet’s location during a hurricane.**

   - Take your pet to a friend’s or family member’s house or a hotel outside the threat zone. Make arrangements ahead of time to avoid last-minute surprises and confusion.
   - Keep your pet with you in a secure, storm-prepared shelter location. Find evacuation shelters that accept pets ahead of time.
   - Leave your pet with a friend in a safe zone or make boarding arrangements with a veterinary clinic or kennel. Talk to the kennel about advance registration and requirements like shots.

2. **Keep your pet prepared at all times.**

   - Keep your pet up-to-date on their shots and maintain proper paperwork. Make sure your pet has a microchip and is wearing vaccination tags. Keep electronic and paper copies of your pet’s current medical records. Maintain an up-to-date photo of your pet.

3. **Create a disaster kit for pet supplies in case of an evacuation.**

   - Portable carrier (large enough for the pet to stand up and turn around)
   - Extra leash, collar, and ID tag
   - Pet food: at least two weeks of dry food in a water-tight container or canned food (include a manual can opener)
   - Water: at least two weeks of clean water (large dogs need 1 gallon per day)
   - Up-to-date health and immunization records
   - Medications (flea and tick preventative, a two-month supply of heartworm prevention medication, all prescription medications)
   - Litter/newspapers for clean-up
   - Toys and treats
   - Towels
   - First-aid supplies
   - A recent photo of you with your pet

Take inventory of your supplies and review all records periodically so your pet can be safe and cared for during a hurricane or any disaster.