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## **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY – August 26, 2011**

### **Keeping Pets Safe during Hurricane Irene**

The most important thing a person can do is to plan ahead. If you are asked to evacuate, you need to bring your pets with you as many shelters cannot accommodate pets. You need to start thinking today about where you will take your pets.

Ask a dependable friend or relative who lives some distance from the evacuation area if you and/or your pets can stay with them until the all clear is given. An alternative is to find a pet friendly motel.

#### **Pet Friendly Hotel websites:**

<http://www.pet-friendly-hotels.net/pet-friendly-hotels-newjersey.html>

[http://www.bringfido.com/lodging/state/new\\_jersey/](http://www.bringfido.com/lodging/state/new_jersey/)

[http://www.funnewjersey.com/upload\\_user/Weekend\\_Getaways/HOTELS.HTM](http://www.funnewjersey.com/upload_user/Weekend_Getaways/HOTELS.HTM)

#### **What to bring:**

- You should have a portable pet carrier for each animal and identification with each animal.
- Copies of the pet's licenses
- Leashes
- Water and food bowls
- Pet foods
- Bottled water
- Special medications and instructions for their administration
- Any special needs for your pet, blankets, handy wipes, paper towels and litter or bedding

#### **For information on emergency planning for pets visit:**

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/petbro.pdf>

#### **For more information on emergency planning for livestock visit:**

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/livestockbro.pdf>

#### **For other helpful links visit:**

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/prog/helpfullinks.html>

**Listen for public safety announcements and if you are called to evacuate.  
DO NOT leave your pets behind!**

Thank you for your assistance.  
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