*Disaster PLAN*

*AI was just traveling in North Carolina where a HURRICAINE came thru over 2 weeks ago. Some people were still in shelters within the section of I95 that remains CLOSED. I have never evacuated for have lost power for a week following a storm and sheltered at home.*

**Before a Disaster**

1. HAVE YOU DOG MICROCHIPPED.
2. If you are in a HIGH RISK AREA (live on the ocean) make sure your RABIES is current
3. Have a PLAN in place. Know where you will go for various scenarios
	1. Shelter in Home – with no power, water if you have a well. SOURCE for Heat (fireplace move wood inside, Propane heater) – gas for generator and starter fluid
	2. What to do about food in refrigerator –
	3. What to do about cooking (grilling is great – remember to get PORPANE
	4. LOTS of LIGHT Sources
4. Most evacuations last only a few days, but sometimes you may not be able to return to your home quickly because of fallen power lines, high water or other hazards

Plan to check the items in your dog’s grab-and-go supply tote and all plans and preparations on a regular basis – Spring and Fall so do it when you change your CLOCKS.  Note any expiration dates on your emergency supplies.  Make sure your packed materials are seasonally appropriate.  Double check that evacuation routes have not changed due to construction or other reasons.  Is your pet’s microchip record current?  Assess your flashlights’ batteries, drinking water, emergency gasoline, blankets, nonperishable food food

**First Mention of a Disaster**

You might need to evacuate quickly.  Make sure collars are securely fastened with up-to-date identification, Medication, known allergies in a tag and rabies tags.

Call ahead to confirm whether an emergency shelter’s arrangements can accommodate both you and your dog.

If you plan to go to a hotel, call ahead to make sure pets are welcome.

Never leave pets home alone.

Have your personal supplies and Rover’s pet supply bag ready to go.

If possible give your dog a BATH – they will not have the capability to get a bath for sometime and will be with you - having a clean dog helps

GAS for CARS, GENERATOR, MOTORHOME

Propane for cooking devises and now it the time to purchase that EXTRA bottle of PROPANE

Fuel for Heat Source

**SUPPLY LIST (for evacuation or sheltering at home)**

Pack a portable pet supply bag  – a backpack or travel case on wheels will do. Here are some ideas for things to include:

25 Copies of A current color photograph of you and your pet together with MICROCHIP NUMBER, in case you are separated •

Copies of medical records that indicate dates of vaccinations and a list of Fido’s medications as well as any ALLERGIES•

Proof of identification and ownership, including copies of registration information, adoption papers, proof of purchase, microchip information •

Physical description of your pet, including species, breed, age, sex, color, distinguishing traits, characteristics and behaviors. •

Animal first aid kit containing items for wound care, allergy medication and know proper dosage to give your dog (BENEDRYL),Pepto Bismol.

Blanket, flashlight and batteries, SOAP for dishwashing and baths, BABY WIPES for bathing humans without water.

Bowls, lots of BOTTLED water and enough food for at least FIVE days. A manual can opener.

Collapsible cage or carrier with a cotton sheet to place over the carrier to help keep Rover calm. •

Xtra Collar and leash.

Comforting toys and treats. DO NOT ADD NEW TREATS since they may cause loose stools. BULLY STICKS are recommended or does treats you give daily

Items for clean-up: plastic bags for dogs;

Veterinarian contact information along with your pet’s medical  records.

Feeding schedule information.

Easily readable map with potential evacuation routes highlighted.