

The Martin Downs Animal Hospital facility was specifically designed with hurricane protection in mind. Our building, staff and the pets we cared for during Hurricanes Frances, Jeanne and Wilma enjoyed safe surroundings and happily emerged without a scratch.

We understand that hurricanes can be one of the most stressful times in your life. We are happy to be here to help care for your precious pets during this important time.

Important Contact Numbers

Martin Downs Animal Hospital
(772) 288-3456

Martin County Animal Control
(772) 461-6177

Martin County Emergency Management
(772) 287-1652

Martin County Sheriff's Department
(772) 220-7000

Martin County Building Department
(772) 288-5491

Red Cross
(772) 287-2002

Humane Society of the Treasure Coast
(772) 223-8822



**We will protect your pet(s)
while you are busy protecting
your home and family!**

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For more information, call:
772-288-3456

or visit us online, at:

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Is your pet ready for a
HURRICANE?

**HURRICANE BOARDING
Policies, Procedures & Tips**



2 Hurricanes - 300 Pets - 24-Hour Care

In September 2004 hurricanes ravaged our area, tested our limits and revealed our strengths. Each time, Martin Downs Animal Hospital was there for your pets...boarding more than 150 animals in its hurricane shelter facility and providing around-the-clock care.

We survived, and so did you. Whew!

If another hurricane threatens to strike, please allow us to (once again) provide safe shelter and experienced care for your pets. Please review our policies and procedures and make us a part of your family's hurricane emergency plan.

When a Hurricane Watch* is first issued

** The National Weather Service posts a Hurricane Watch when hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours.*

1. Place a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit to reserve space for your pet.

- Reservations are first-come, first served
- MDAH will determine the space needs for your pet(s)

When you check your pet(s) into MDAH

1. Pre-pay for three nights of boarding.

- Requirements from our standard boarding agreements remain in effect, including updated vaccines, parasitic checks and medical care.
- No bathing or grooming will be available.

2. Submit a one-time fee of \$25.00 per pet.

- Fees cover expenses for 24-hour care and any tranquilizations, if needed.

3. Provide your contact numbers

4. Leave your pet's supplies

- Must fit in a milk crate-sized container

What to bring to MDAH

- One gallon bottled water or one bag of ice per pet
- Clay litter (for cats) or wee wee pads (for dogs)
- One roll of paper towels
- All medications, with instructions
- Enough special diet food for five days packed in sealable plastic bags labeled with your pet's first and last name (kennel food is provided otherwise)

What NOT to bring to MDAH

- Please, NO Toys, Bedding or Pillows
- Space will be limited and laundry services will be unavailable.



When the hurricane passes

1. Call MDAH's voice mail (772) 288-3456

- Find out about pet pickup instructions

2. If phone service is unavailable

- Look for signs posted on our front door

3. Please retrieve your pet as soon as possible

Other helpful pet tips

If you decide to ride out the storm at home with your pet...stay safe. Be sure to have the following:

1. Veterinary records in sealed bags
2. Updated vaccinations
3. Updated identification tags
4. Two-week supplies of food and water
5. Portable crates or kennels
6. Kitty litter and litterbox or newspapers
7. Disinfectants and other cleaning supplies
8. Tranquilizers, if necessary
9. Lists of shelters and hotels that accept pets as well as people.
10. All prescription medications
11. Leash and collar or harness
12. Flea and tick protection
13. Recent photographs of your pet(s)
14. Microchip your pet

Don't forget...

Update your pet's vaccinations now. Gather the necessary supplies today!