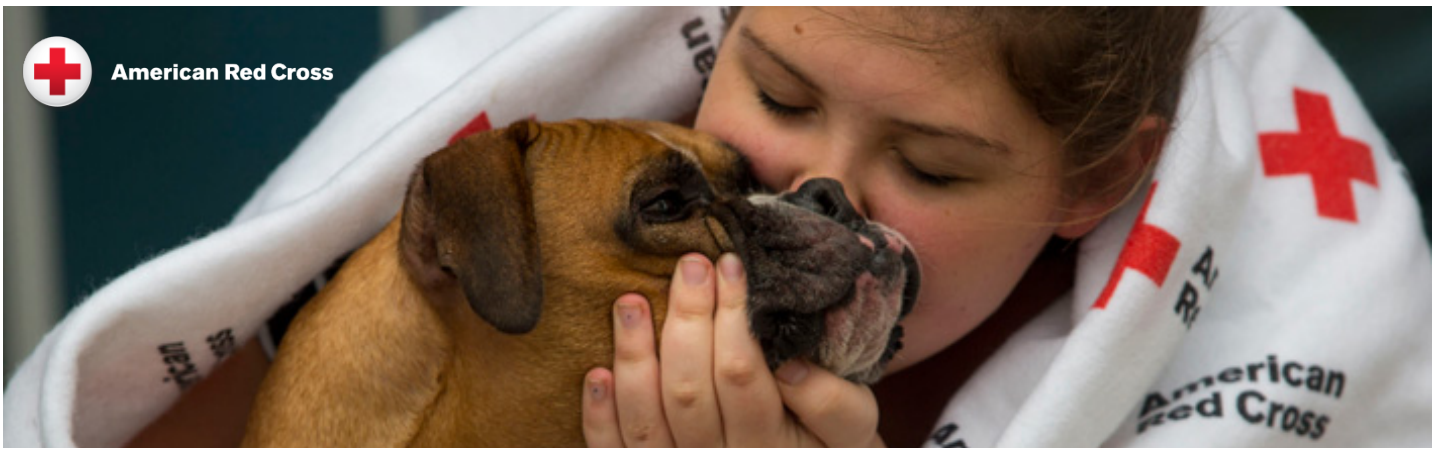




American Red Cross



Keep Your Pets Safe During a Typhoon

Pets enrich the lives of individuals and families in more ways than can be counted. In turn, they depend on their owners for their safety and well-being. Be prepared to protect your pet during typhoons with proper planning and preparation.

Before the Typhoon

- **Assemble a pet disaster preparedness kit.** This pack will be similar to your family's disaster preparedness kit, but with some pet-specific items. Things to include:
 - Copies of immunizations and medical records (stored in a waterproof container)
 - A current photo of your animal in case he/she gets lost
 - Medications
 - First aid kit
 - A sturdy leash, harness and/or collar
 - Pet carrier
 - Enough food and water for at least a week
 - Cat litter
 - Pet bed and toys
 - Potty pads
- **Talk with your vet.** Is your pet prone to stress during storms? Speak with your vet to determine options, including anti-anxiety medication and special pet shirts that provide calming pressure.
- **Take a class.** The Kadena and Camp Foster Red Cross offer Pet CPR & First Aid courses. Visit <https://classes.redcross.org> to view the class schedule.

No bones about it – this dog is ready for anything



During the Typhoon



Your normally fearless feline may turn into a scaredy-cat during the typhoon

- **Bring your pets inside immediately.** Animals have instincts about severe weather changes and will often isolate themselves when they are afraid. Bringing them inside early can stop them from running away. NEVER leave a pet outside or tied up during a storm.
- **Separate dogs and cats.** Even if Fluffy and Fido normally get along, the anxiety of an emergency situation can cause pets to behave irrationally.
- **Set up a place for animals to relieve themselves.** You wouldn't want to hold it for 48+ hours while Okinawa is in TCCOR-1, right? Neither will your pets. Lay down potty-pads on a wood or tile floor for dogs.
- **Stay calm.** Your pets are likely frightened, and having you near to give them a hug will help. If the animal is not ready to be comforted, though, don't force it. This is especially true for cats. Let an animal come to you when it is ready.

After the Typhoon

- Wait until TCCOR-Storm Watch has been declared before letting your pet outside.
- You should walk all pets on a leash and keep them in close contact. After a typhoon, familiar scents and landmarks may be altered, and your pet may become confused or lost. Also, snakes and other dangerous animals may be brought into the area with flood waters.
- The behavior of your pets may change after a typhoon. Normally quiet and friendly animals may become aggressive or defensive. Watch your pets closely.

Typhoons are an unpleasant fact of life in Okinawa. But you can be pro-active and protect your family and pets with proper planning and preparation.

Pets & Shelters

During a typhoon, you will likely shelter from the storm in your own home. However, in the event of a need to evacuate, it's important to have a plan for your pet. Many shelters do not accept pets because of health and safety regulations. In the case of advanced warning issued, call ahead to confirm emergency shelter arrangements for you and your pets.

Make sure your pet disaster supplies kit is assembled and includes your pet's immunization records. (Shelters will require this information.) Make sure all dogs and cats are wearing securely-fastened collars with up-to-date-information. Write contact information on your pets' carriers as well.

Never leave a pet behind. Leaving them can result in injury, loss or worse.



Contact Information to Know

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Friday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM,

Wednesday: 10 AM - 4:30 PM

For up-to-date information regarding Okinawa weather and TCCOR conditions:

Visit the Kadena Weather Flight's website: www.weather.shogunweather.com.

"Like" the Kadena AB Facebook page: www.facebook.com/kadenaairbase

*Information courtesy of the American Red Cross, FEMA, ASPCA and Okinawa Veterinary Treatment Facility.
For more disaster-preparedness tips, visit www.americanredcrosskadena.com.*