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Public Safety Issues Animal Safety Alert Due to Severe Weather

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Sept. 22, 2023 – The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued weather warnings for Calvert County, due to high winds, rain and potential flooding. Animal owners or custodians are required to provide appropriate protection from the weather until the official NWS weather warnings expire.

Any person in violation of the requirements set forth in this alert may be subject to enforcement, which could include fines up to \$1,000 or 30 days in jail.

To report concerns, citizens may contact the Animal Control Division at 410-535-1600, ext. 2526, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If the office is closed, reports may be made to the non-emergency line at 410-535-3491.

The Department of Public Safety, Animal Control Division, and Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter recommend taking the following precautions to keep pets safe during and after a storm:

1. Prepare an Emergency Kit and Ensure Identification

- Gather essential supplies for your pet, including water, food, medications and first aid items.
- Include copies of your pet's medical records, vaccination history and a recent photo for identification purposes.
- Pack leashes, harnesses, carriers and blankets for comfort.
- Ensure your pets are wearing collars with up-to-date identification tags.

2. Secure Your Home

- Ensure your pets are indoors before the storm arrives. Outdoor pets should be brought inside or placed in a secure shelter that protects them from the elements, with access to food and water.

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- Close and secure all windows and doors to prevent your pets from escaping or being injured by flying debris.
- Check gates and doors after the storm ensuring they are secure before letting pets outside after a storm.

3. After the Storm

- Wait for authorities to declare it's safe before going outside with your pets.
- Be cautious of downed power lines, debris and flooding when walking your pets.

The safety and well-being of pets should be a top priority during a storm or any emergency. Plan ahead to ensure you can provide for their needs and keep them safe.

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