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WHAT ANIMALS DO BEFORE A HURRICANE Picture Book Explains How Animals Prepare for this Natural Disaster

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Aug. 1, 2011) –To better help parents and educators explain hurricanes to children, Sylvan Dell Publishing is proud to offer *Ready, Set...WAIT!: What Animals Do Before a Hurricane* free on their website at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com until September 17th. Vetted by experts from NOAA and the University of Florida, this book explains how animals, from dolphins to seagulls, prepare for and survive hurricanes.

“From humans stockpiling food, water, and batteries to reef fish packing in some extra calories to butterflies hiding in hollow trees, Zelch’s quiet text and McLennan’s realistic illustrations offer a glimpse of hurricane readiness in the natural world and our own. Adults are also directed to free online resources where they will find extra pointers, interactive quizzes, and the like to plump up their lesson plans.” *Patricia Manning, School Library Journal*

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