



Pet Preparedness

Planning

- Keep a collar, current license and up-to date ID tags on your pet at all times. Consider having your pet micro-chipped or carded.
- Make sure your pet is comfortable being in a crate, box, cage, or carrier for transport.
- Keep an updated list of trusted neighbors who could assist your animals in case of an emergency.
- Tighten and secure latches on birdcages. Fasten down aquariums on low stands or tables.

Pet Emergency Supply Kit Suggestions

- Make a kit for each pet.
- Sturdy leashes and pet carriers. A pillowcase is a good option for transporting cats and other small animals. Muzzles for dogs. Food, potable water and medicine for at least 1 week.
- Non-spill bowls, manual can opener and plastic lid are an option.
- Include plastic bags, litter box and litter.
- Recent photo of each pet.
- Names and phone numbers of your emergency contact, emergency veterinary hospitals and animal shelters.
- Copy of your pet's vaccination history and any medical problems.
- Portable fencing or baby gates



The Animals Response

- Remember that animals react differently under stress. Keep dogs securely leashed and transport cats in carriers or pillowcases.
- If your pet is lost, contact the nearest animal shelter to report your pet missing. When it is safe, return to your neighborhood to search and distribute “Lost Pet” posters; include a current picture of your pet.

Evacuation

- Locate all your animals and keep them with you.
- Be aware that shelters will only allow service animals.
- In a large-scale disaster, animal shelters may be set up when and if possible.
- Your emergency plan should include the location of pet friendly hotels/motels. Additional information regarding pet friendly travel and hotel/motel information can be found on the Pets Welcome website.

Leaving Your Pet Behind

- If you must leave your pets behind inform animal control and emergency services personnel workers of your pets’ status:
- On your front door or in a highly visible window, use chalk, paint or marker to write the number and types of pets in your residence.
- Include their location in your home and the date that you evacuated.
- Leave plenty of water in a large, open container that cannot be tipped over.
- Leave plenty of food in timed feeders to prevent your pet from overeating.
- Do not tie up your pet in your home.