



Pet Preparedness



During a disaster, the preservation of life and health extends to pets, as well as human beings. Be sure your Family Emergency Plan includes a provision for your pets, as well as for your family members.



- Know the location of pet-friendly hotels in case of evacuation. Check hotels and motels outside your local area regarding policies about accepting pets. Keep handy the telephone number of those that will accept pets, in case of an emergency.
- Ask friends, relatives or others outside the affected area if they would shelter your animals.
- Keep the phone number of the local pet shelter handy.
- Make a Pet Disaster Supply Kit.
- Maintain current records including inoculation information and a photograph of each pet for identification in the event your pet is missing or taken to a shelter.
- Make sure your pet is clearly identified. All pets should be micro-chipped, tagged and licensed.

Pet Disaster Supply Kit:

Store items in a sturdy container that can be carried easily and keep the kit in an accessible spot. Include the following in your kit:

- Current photos of your pets, in case they get lost.
- Name tags with telephone numbers.
- Information about your pet's feeding schedule, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and number of your veterinarian.
- Pet first aid supplies.
- Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container).
- Pet carrier, leashes, harnesses, etc.
- Food and water for several days, bowls, cat litter and tray, can opener.
- Pet beds and toys, if possible.

