



## Pet Preparedness

Pets are members of your household, and should be taken care of in the case of an emergency or evacuation. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Many evacuation shelters will not take pets, and you will need to find other locations where you can take your pet for a possible extended period of time. Talk to your veterinarian about various options you have in your city.

- Keep a collar/harness and tag or other ID on your animals. Microchipping or tattooing is recommended as collars can come off.
- You should have a picture of you/your family with your pet kept in your emergency kit. This will help identify you as the owner if you are separated from your pet.
- Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.
- Have a leash, carrier, cage, or kennel for each animal.
- Keep vaccination records and Pet Information sheet easily accessible and in waterproof containers.
- Put together an emergency kit for your animal which includes a two-week supply of water, food, and any necessary medications. Materials needed to properly dispose of waste should also be included in your kit. Keep a collapsible bowl in your kit for feeding and hydrating purposes.
- Having a familiar toy or treats for your pet may relieve any anxiety they may be experiencing as a result of the disaster.
- Identify several locations where you can take your animals should you have to evacuate in your neighborhood.



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