

Pet Responsibility during an emergency

Any disaster that threatens humans threatens animals as well - so, disaster preparedness means planning for pets. Remember public shelters will not accept pets. **If you have multiple pets please remember to take that into consideration when making your plans.**

If you have large animals please remember to take that into consideration when making your plans.

If you are sheltering in place make sure you have supplies on hand for dogs, cats, horses, sheep, cattle, snakes, hamsters, etc.. What ever you own. They depend on you!!

So Remember:

- Collars, carriers, and I.D. should be maintained for your pet at all times. We Strongly recommend that you have your pet micro chipped.
- Write your name on the sides of your livestock with paint.



- Even if you're home, pets that are not secured, may escape and become disorientated after the emergency. Your pet will feel safest in a carrier in your home away from windows. Don't wait until the last minute to introduce your pet to a carrier. Start now, start slowly.
- Place pet food and water in air tight containers in a cool, dark place. Be sure to store adequate water. Place the supplies up high. If it floods your stores will be high and dry. Plan for the long haul. Better too much water than not enough. Talk to your Vet about how and how much water to store for your horse. If you use cans for your dog or cat food, have pop tops or have a manual can opener.

Ponder, Plan, Prepare!

If you evacuate your home in the event of an emergency, you have three choices for your pet:

- **Leave your pet at home? Don't!**
Remember: Conditions that are unsafe for you are also unsafe for your pets. Begin now making arrangements.

Evacuate your pet – When evacuation is advised, If possible, plan to take your pet with you. **LEAVE EARLY.** Arrange for an evacuation route and a place to go well in advance. Do it today. Be sure that your pets are welcome whether you are going to a hotel, shelter or a friend's home. **Do you own a carrier? Do you own a horse trailer? If not what will you do?** If evacuating in a car, you will need to crate your pet. Remember, emotions are running high. Your pet can sense the tension. Be prepared. Dogs require a gallon of water per day you may be traveling. Take a



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- Take plenty of dog food. If you use canned food make sure it is the pop top type. Is your pet on special medication? Make sure you have extra on hand. Your Veterinarian can help you with this. Plan for detours, and extended travel time. Remember horses cannot stay in trailers for extended periods of time. Contact a Veterinarian in the area you are traveling to. Be prepared. Know what you are going to do.
- **Boarding** - If you plan to shelter your pet at a kennel or veterinary clinic, make an advance reservation so that space will be available. If you own livestock contact a stable in the area you are evacuating to. If they are full they may know someone who can assist you. If you have exotic pets, contact local pet stores for assistance in sheltering your pet. You should make these arrangement with businesses that are well out of the evacuation area. If an evacuation is ordered who will be on hand at a boarding facility to care for your pet?

Remember Animal Care provides low cost rabies vaccinations, as well as

Parvo distemper and feline distemper vaccinations most Mondays between 1 and 4 p.m.

But nothing takes the place of your relationship with your local Vet.

Please visit him or her today.



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