In An Emergency, Take Your Pets!
You may not be allowed to return to rescue them.

THINK AHEAD. HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE:

MAKE AN EMERGENCY KIT (see reverse)
- One kit per pet
- Keep near an exit for easy Grab-and-Go

Start a Buddy System
- Exchange keys and disaster plans with a someone who can evacuate your pets if you are not home during a disaster
- Keep your buddy current regarding your pet’s information and your emergency contact info

Take Photos of Your Pet With You and/or Your Family
- Photos can prove ownership and reunite you with your pet
- Keep copies in wallet, disaster kit, and stored on phones
- Give copies to loved ones who live outside your area

Identify Evacuation Locations
- Identify shelters that will accommodate pets; consider pet-friendly hotels and family
- Store phone numbers and addresses in your disaster kit and on your phone
- PRACTICE loading and unloading pets into the carriers and your vehicle.

Microchip Your Pet
- Most effective way to reunite pets with families
- Update microchip registration when you move, change phone numbers, or get a new emergency contact

When You Go - THEY Go!
Be prepared to protect your pets in an emergency.
Do not put your pets’ lives, your life, or other rescuers’ lives at risk

Learn more at: www.smartma.org or www.ready.gov 1-800-BE-READY
Pet Emergency Kit Checklist

1. Food & Water
   - At least 3-5 day supply of food in airtight container
   - Manual can opener for canned foods
   - 3-5 day supply of water
   - Food and water bowls
   - Feeding instructions

2. Medications & Medical Records
   - Keep extra supply of medicines in waterproof container
   - 3-5 day supply of medication (if applicable)
   - Medication instructions (if applicable)

3. Documents
   - Copies of registration information
   - Adoption papers
   - Vaccination documents
   - Medical records
   - Keep all records in a waterproof container/bag
   - Recent photo of you and your pet
   - Description of your pet (ex: breed, sex, color, weight)
   - Microchip information
   - Your contact information (and that of your pet’s emergency buddy)

4. Collar with ID tag, harness/leash
   - Should wear rabies tag and ID tag at all times
   - Include back-up collar, leash, and ID tag

5. Crate/Carrier
   - Large enough for pet to stand, turn around, lay down
   - Blankets and towels for bedding

6. Sanitation
   - Newspapers
   - Paper towels
   - Litter, litterbox, and scoop (if applicable)
   - Trash bags
   - Household chlorine bleach, disinfectant

7. Familiar items – to reduce stress
   - Toys
   - Treats
   - Bedding

8. Pet first aid book and kit
   - Ask your vet what items would be appropriate, such as: bandage rolls, tape, scissors, antibiotic ointment, flea/tick prevention, gloves, isopropyl alcohol, saline solution

Brookline Emergency Management Team

SMART State of Massachusetts Animal Response Team