**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

***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

***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

***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

***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.

***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*](http://www.smartma.org) *or* [*www.ready.gov*](http://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)

****

*Add your town information here*

1. **Collar with ID tag, harness/leash**
	* Should wear rabies tag and ID tag at all times
	* Include back-up collar, leash, and ID tag
2. **Crate/Carrier**
	* Large enough for pet to stand, turn around, lay down
	* Blankets and towels for bedding
3. **Sanitation**
	* Newspapers
	* Paper towels
	* Litter, litterbox, and scoop (if applicable)
	* Trash bags
	* Household chlorine bleach, disinfectant
4. **Familiar items – to reduce stress**
	* Toys
	* Treats
	* Bedding
5. **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