

# **In An Emergency, Take Your Pets!**

**THINK AHEAD. HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE**

***You may not be allowed to return to rescue pets left behind.***

## ***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***

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# 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

