

EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR YOUR PET



Of course you love your pet(s)!

Advance Planning is essential – it could save your pet's life and make yours much easier during an emergency

1. Acquire a pet carrier (portable carrier) or crate for each house pet and familiarize the pet with the portable kennel
2. Be sure your pet's vaccinations and records are up to date.
3. Have a leash and properly fitting collar with current license or ID tag and vaccinations – a valid license is the best way to reunite owners and dogs.
4. Determine in your home the best location to place your pets during an emergency. The site should be away from windows and in a utility area, bathroom, kitchen or easily cleaned area.
5. Acquire an ample supply of *dry pet food.
6. Acquire plenty of newspaper, kitty litter, plastic bags, cleanser and disinfectants to properly handle pet wastes.
7. Have non spill water and food bowls.
8. Have a week supply of any medications that your pet is taking.
9. Have photographs of your pets to aid in the identification should it stray during an emergency
10. A blanket or towels should be a part of your Pet Emergency Kit.

If you plan to leave your house and leave your pet(s) behind, remember;

1. Birds must eat daily to survive. Use special food and water dispensers if you must leave them behind.
2. Never leave a cat with a dog even if the two are normally friendly.
3. Provide access to high places, such as counter tops, in case flooding occurs.
4. Difficult or dangerous animals should be left in special crates or cages to reduce the possibility of them getting loose.



*Store dry pet food in a plastic container in your freezer to extend shelf life.