



MODULE 1

PERSONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

1H

Pet Evacuations



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MODULE 1H: YOUR PERSONAL DISASTER PLAN**

Pet Evacuation

Materials Needed:

Before A Disaster ...

You will want to take some time to preplan a safe area in your home where you will be able to house your pet in an emergency.

1. Consider easy to clean areas such as utility rooms or bathrooms.
2. Avoid rooms with hazards like windows, hanging plants, pictures with glass.
3. Consider setting up a separate location for each animal. Disasters stress animals. Even a gentle pet can exhibit distressed behaviors.
4. If your pet is on medication or a special diet, find out from your vet what you should do in case you have to leave you pet for some length of time, perhaps several days.
5. Make sure your pet has a properly fitted collar that includes the current license and rabies tags, your name, address and phone number.

During The Disaster ...

If you must leave your pet-

1. Bring your pet inside immediately. Animals have instincts about severe weather changes and will often isolate themselves if they are afraid. Bringing them inside early can stop them from running away. Never leave a pet outside or tied up during a storm.
2. If you have to evacuate and leave your pet at home, put it in the safe location that you have previously prepared.
3. Leave a 3 day supply of *dry* food, even if it is not the pet's usual food.

Moistened food can turn rancid or sour. Put food in a sturdy container the pet cannot overturn.

4. Leave water in a sturdy, no-spill container. If possible, open a faucet slightly and let water drip into a big container.
5. Replace a chain "choke" collar with a leather or nylon collar. Make sure that collar has the tags and identification.
6. Separate dogs and cats, even if they normally get along, the anxiety of a disaster situation can cause pets to act unpredictably.

If you evacuate, and are able to bring your pet -

1. Be sure your pet has tags and identification.
2. Bring any medications your pet is taking.
3. Bring your pet's Emergency Evacuation Card (which you will have previously filled out) and medical records.
4. Remember that for health and safety reasons, pets will not be allowed in public emergency shelters, however here in Del Norte County, we have a Disaster Animal Response Team (D.A.R.T.) that will establish a special pet evacuation shelter to care for your pet.

After A Disaster ...

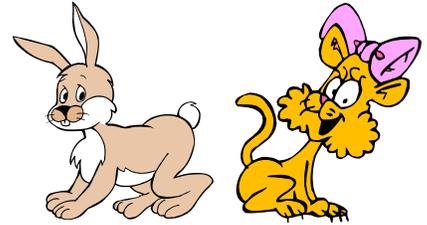
1. In the first few days after a disaster, leash your pets when they go outside. Maintain close contact. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered, and your pet may become confused and lost.
2. The behavior of your pets may have changed. Normally quiet and friendly pets may become aggressive or defensive. Leash dogs and place them in a fenced yard with access to shelter and water.

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Neighborhood Preparedness



Emergency Care Kit For Pets



Taking time to prepare an Emergency Care Kit for your pet will certainly pay off in the case of a disaster. It should be stored as a 'Grab and Go', just as you have prepared for your family. Here are some ideas for your pet's kit.

1. A fiberglass carrier for each pet, with an envelope taped to the top of the carrier containing:
 - A. A photo with your pet's name on it.
 - B. Vaccination records
 - C. Information about prescription medications
 - D. Your vet's name and phone number
 - E. Your name, address and phone number

Train your pet to become comfortable in a carrier.

2. Food sufficient for 3 days. Food should be dry and relatively unappealing to prevent overeating
3. Towels or blankets for warmth
4. Water sufficient for 3 days
5. Zip-lock baggies for clean-up
6. Spray disinfectant and latex gloves

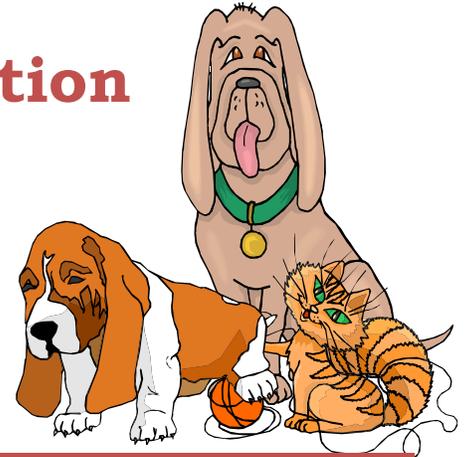
In addition cats will also need:

Plastic litter box

Jug of clumping kitty litter and a scoop



Pet Identification Card



Pet's Name _____

Type of Pet Dog Cat Bird Other _____

Owner's Name _____

Owner's Address _____

Owners Phone Home _____ Cell _____

Vet _____ Vet's Phone _____

Vaccination Dates _____

Medications _____

Special Issues _____

Picture of Pet