EMERGENCY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
For Pets
WHY HAVE A PLAN?

You are responsible for the safety of your pet(s). If you need to evacuate, your plans should include your pets, along with yourself and your family. Be prepared to transport your animals and to provide care and shelter for them for at least 72 hours away from home.

WHAT CAN I DO AHEAD OF TIME?

- Keep vaccinations and preventative care up to date. Keep medical records and veterinary contact information with your evacuation kit. Include microchip information and recent photos of you with your pet for identification.
- Build your evacuation kit (see checklist).
- Make arrangements with nearby family, friends and neighbors who are willing to agree to assist one another with evacuations if necessary. Make sure they have access to carriers and emergency kits.

HOW DO I TAKE MY ANIMALS?

Have one crate/cage per pet, labeled with name, address, phone number and an alternate contact. It should be large enough for the animal to stand up, turn around and lie down comfortably, with room for food and water dishes; for cats, it must also fit a small litter box. Make sure they're wearing collars/harnesses with ID and have their microchip information up to date.

WHERE DO I TAKE MY ANIMALS?

If possible, make plans with family or friends who are willing to take care of your pets temporarily. Other options include boarding kennels, animal hospitals or pet-friendly hotels. During a large-scale evacuation, authorities may designate a public evacuation shelter. If you must go to a public shelter, your animals will likely not be able to stay with you (with the exception of certified service animals).
EVACUATION KIT CHECKLIST

___ Crate/carrier for transport, with bedding
___ Food and water for 3 days (rotate stock)
___ Dishes, utensils, manual can opener
___ All medications
___ Medical records (in waterproof container)
___ ID info (microchip information, photos)
___ Treats and toys
___ Cat litter, box and scooper
___ Leashes, harnesses, muzzle (if necessary)
___ Pet first aid kit
___ Grooming supplies
___ Gloves and towels (for handling)
___ Paper towels, newspaper, trash bags
___ Written feeding schedule and behavior notes
___ List of animal emergency contacts

PET SHELTER OPTIONS

Boarding kennel/animal hospital
Friends/Family
Pet-friendly Hotels
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Owner name _______________________________
Owner Cell Phone ___________________________
Veterinarian ______________________________
Animal Control ______________________________
Important Plan Details ________________________

PEOPLE WITH PET CARE PERMISSION

Name _________________________________
Phone number ___________________________
Alternate ______________________________

ALTERNATE CONTACT WITH PET INFORMATION

Name _________________________________
Phone number ___________________________
Alternate ______________________________

NOTES: ______________________________________________________
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