PREPARE · BEFORE AN EMERGENCY

Pet Preparedness Guide

Pets need an emergency plan too. Use this guide to make sure your animals are ready before a storm or other emergency.

Pet Emergency Kit

- ☐ Food and water for at least 3 days, plus bowls
- ☐ Medications and medical records (copy, waterproof bag)
- ☐ Leash, harness, and/or carrier
- ☐ Sanitation supplies (litter, waste bags, litter box)
- ☐ Photo of you with your pet (for proof of ownership)
- ☐ Familiar toy or blanket to reduce stress

Identification

Make sure pets are wearing a collar with an ID tag, and consider microchipping. Keep vaccination records handy, since some emergency shelters require proof of up-to-date vaccinations before accepting animals.

Evacuation Planning

Not all emergency shelters accept pets. Identify pet-friendly hotels, boarding facilities, or family/friends outside the area ahead of time — don't wait until an evacuation order to figure this out.

Pet-friendly location #1 _____

Pet-friendly location #2 _____

Veterinarian / Animal hospital _____

If You Must Leave Pets Behind

If evacuation isn't possible and pets must stay behind temporarily, never leave them chained or confined to a small space. Leave several days of food and water, and post a notice on your door listing the type and number of pets inside, along with your contact information.