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Disaster and Your Pets


A Handy Pocket Guide

In Case of Disaster. Protect Your Pets!

Your animal's best protection is to be with you. Taking your pet requires special planning and the following are some guidelines:

 Keep your pet's vaccinations and medical records up-to-date

 Make sure your pet wears a comfortable collar with the proper identification, license and rabies tag. Also, consider a microchip or tattoo as additional identification insurance.

 Locate safe places for your pets **BEFORE** disaster strikes. Many emergency shelters for humans do not allow pets due to public health and safety reasons.



If you must leave your home, here are some resources to contact:

- 🐾 Boarding Kennels
- 🐾 Veterinary Hospitals
- 🐾 Friends/Relatives
- 🐾 Hotel/Motels (that will allow pets)
- 🐾 Animal Shelters (consider only as a last resort)

Disaster supplies to prepare:

- 🐾 Portable kennel carrier or crate for each pet for whom you are responsible (Carriers should be large enough for animal to stand up and turn around in)
- 🐾 Food/water bowls
- 🐾 Pet food and water
- 🐾 Litter and litter box
- 🐾 Pet's medications
- 🐾 First aid kit
- 🐾 Pet's medical records
- 🐾 Leash
- 🐾 Plastic bags for waste
- 🐾 Cloth towels/paper towels

Leaving your pet behind will place your animal at greater risk for injury or loss, so please make every effort to take your pet with you. If there is no alternative and you must leave your pet, take the following precautions:

- 🐾 Bring your pet indoors. Never leave a pet tied outside.
- 🐾 Prepare a selected area of your home -preferably without windows - but with adequate ventilation.
- 🐾 Leave enough food and water for at least three days. Water should be left in bathtubs, sinks or other sturdy spill-proof containers.
- 🐾 Leave familiar bedding and toys
- 🐾 Secure a note on your front door alerting emergency personnel that pets are inside. Provide a telephone number where you can be contacted.
- 🐾 Never leave cats with dogs, even if they normally get along.
- 🐾 Keep small pets safely caged. Leave these pets with food and water dispensers that regulate the amounts.
- 🐾 Secure bird cages so that they won't swing or fall.



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