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DISASTER SAFETY FOR PETS

Our pets depend on us for their well being - the best way to ensure pet safety is to prepare.

All emergency plans should include all of your pets!

Be Prepared, Be Informed...

Know what disasters could affect your area.

Know which friends, relatives, facilities or veterinarians can provide emergency care for your pets.

Make a list with phone numbers. Create a buddy system with trusted neighbors.

Call ahead to confirm emergency shelter arrangements.

Know which hotels and motels accept pets.

(Many emergency shelters do not accept pets.)

Make sure your pet's vaccinations are current, and pets are wearing collars with up-to-date identification. (Pet shelters often require proof of vaccinations.)

Consider having your pet "microchipped" and enrolled in a recovery database.

Disaster Prep Checklist...

Assemble an emergency pet supply kit that includes:

Contact information. Current photos of you and your pet together. Labeled with pet information. Breed, age, sex. Behavior, feeding insructions, medical conditions. Veterinarian name and phone number. Medications and medical records in a waterproof container.

Leashes, harnesses or carriers to transport pets, ensuring they can't escape.

Food and water. At least a 3-day supply, in a waterproof containers. Plus bowls.

Sanitation. Litter and litter box. Newspapers, paper towels, waste bags.

First aid. Bandages, bandage tape, scissors, antibiotic ointment. Flea and tick prevention. Isopropyl alcohol, saline solution. And a pet first aid book.

Familiar items such as treats, toys and bedding if possible.

What To Do If Disaster Strikes?

Warnings are often issued if a disaster approaches. At the first hint of disaster, protect your pet.

Bring pets indoors so you won't have to search for them.

In case of an evacuation, take your pets with you. Never leave a pet chained outdoors.

Keep pets under your direct control to protect them and to ensure the safety of others.

Let Your Family Know You're Safe!

If your community has experienced a disaster, register on the American Red Cross, Safe and Well Web at RedCross.org. If you have no Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO.