

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

PET PREPAREDNESS

ANIMALS OTHER THAN DOGS AND CATS

Animals other than dogs and cats, horses and other livestock (for example, sheep, goats, chickens, pigs, etc.), as well as exotic animals there may be strong possibility that they may not be accepted at evacuation shelters, Community Safe Areas or Neighborhood Survival Areas. It is especially important that you develop your own disaster evacuation plan for them.

Birds

- Recommended by experts that should be transported in a secure travel cage.
- With a blanket for cold weather or plant mister for hot weather.
- Have some fruits and vegetables with high water content available.
- Bring extra cage liners and change them frequently or when you can.
- Have leg bands on your birds.
- Keep a photograph of you and your birds in your wallet or purse for identification purposes.

Snakes

- Can be transported in a pillowcase, but must be transferred to more secure housing when you reach the evacuation site.
- Take a water bowl large enough for soaking, and a heat source.
- Bring food if they need to eat often.
- When transporting house pet lizards, it is advised to follow the instruction for birds.

Small Mammals (hamsters, gerbils, etc.) and Chickens

- First responders and emergency management experts recommend that these types of animals should be transported in a secured carrier(s) suitable for the animals to live in while they are being sheltered.
- Take bedding materials, cage liners, food bowls and water bottles.