

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

PET PREPAREDNESS

DURING A DISASTER

- Bring pets inside immediately during an emergency and/or disaster.
- Have newspapers on hand for sanitary purposes.
- Feed your pet moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink.
- Animals have instincts about severe weather changes and will often isolate themselves if they are afraid. Bringing them inside early can stop them from running away. Never leave pets outside or tied up during an emergency and/or disaster.
- Separate dogs and cats. Even if your dogs and cats normally get along, the anxiety caused by an emergency and/or disaster may cause your pets to act irrationally. Keep small pets away from dogs and cats.
- In an emergency, you may have to take your birds with you. Consult your local veterinarian or pet store about special food dispensers that regulate the amount of food a bird is given. Make sure that the birds are caged and the cage is covered by a thin cloth or sheet in order to provide security and filtered light.