

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

PET PREPAREDNESS

PREPARE TO SHELTER YOUR PETS

- Call your local animal shelter or animal control office to get advice and information.
- If you are unable to return to your home right away, you may need to board your pet. Find out where pet boarding facilities are located. Be sure to research some outside your local area in case of facilities close.
- Most boarding kennels, veterinarians and animal shelters will need your pet's medical records to make sure all vaccinations are current. Include copies in your pet survival kit along with a photograph of your pet.
- Some animal shelters will provide temporary foster care for owned pets in times of disaster, but this should be considered only as last resort.
- If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, there are some precautions you must take, but remember that leaving your pet at home alone can place your animal in great danger. Confine your pet to a safe area inside – NEVER leave your pet chained outside. Leave them loose inside your home with food and plenty of water. Remove the toilet tank lid, raise the seat and brace the bathroom door open so they can drink. Place a notice in a visible area advising what pets are in the house and where they are located. Provide telephone number or other contact information where you or a contact can be reached as well as the name and number of your vet.