

# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

## PET PREPAREDNESS

### SMALL ANIMALS

#### **Assemble a Portable Pet Disaster Supplies Kit**

Whether you are at home or away on vacation in other part of the country, you will need essential supplies in case of a catastrophic disaster and/or emergency. You will also need those same supplies for your pets too.

- Medications and medical records (stored preferably in a waterproof container) and First Aid Kit.
- Leashes, harnesses, and/or animal carriers (large or small or both) to transport your pets safely, and most importantly, ensure that they can't get out of the animal carrier.
- Current photographs of you and your pet in case of separation caused by the disaster and/or emergency.
- Food, portable water, bowls, litter and pan and can opener.
- Information on the following:
  - Feeding Schedules
  - Medical Conditions
  - Behavior Problems
  - Name and Contact Information for Your Veterinarian in Case You Have to Foster or Board Your Pets.
  - Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.

#### **Have a Safe Place to Take Your Pets**

- Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check their policies on accepting pets and restrictions on number, size and species.
- Ask friends, relatives, or other outside the affected area whether they could shelter your animals.

- If you have more than one pet, they may be more comfortable if kept together, but be prepared to house them separately.
- Prepare a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency (include 24 hour telephone numbers)

### **Make Sure Your Pet is Clearly Identified**

- Make sure all of your pets (i.e., dogs, cats, etc.) are wearing collars with securely fastened current identification or tags.
- Attach telephone number and address of your temporary shelter, if you know it, or of a friend or relative outside the disaster area.
- You can buy temporary tags or put adhesive tape on the back of your pet's identification tag, adding information with an indelible pen.
- Identification microchips are highly recommended.

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