



Pet Safety Tips

Our pets enrich our lives in more ways than we can count.

In turn, they depend on us for their safety and well being. Here's

how you can be prepared to protect your pets when disaster strikes.

- 1) Make a portable Pet Disaster Kit. (See below)
- 2) If you evacuate your home, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND! Pets most likely cannot survive on their own; and if they do survive, you may not be able to find them when you return.
- 3) For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Find out which hotels and motels will allow your pet, so that your pet can go with the rest of the family. Be sure to have contacted friends, family, veterinarians or boarding kennels to arrange for care and/or shelter in case you can not take your pet with you. Bring your Pet disaster Kit with you. Some animal shelters will provide temporary foster care for owned pets in times of disaster, but this should be considered only as a last resort. Contact them ahead of time to make sure your animal shelter does this.
- 4) Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pet's collar. If possible, attach the address and/or phone number of your evacuation site. If your pet gets lost, his tag is his ticket home.
- 5) 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 plenty of food and water. Place a notice outside in a visible area, advising what pets are in the house and where they are located. Provide a phone number where you or a contact can be reached as well as the name and number of you vet.

Your Portable Pet Disaster



Kit:

- 1) Pet food and treats
- 2) Drinkable water in plastic bottles
- 3) Can opener for canned food.
- 4) Pet medications and medical records in a waterproof container.
- 5) Sturdy leashes, harnesses and/or carriers so you can move your pets safely and they can't escape (remember they may be scared and may act different than usual.)

- 6) Current photos of your pet in case they get lost.
- 7) The name of your veterinarian and hotels or motels that will accept your pet in an emergency.
- 8) Pet's beds and toys, if there is room.