



Disaster Pet Care

The single, most important thing you can do to protect your pets if you have to evacuate is to take them with you. If it is not safe for you, it is not safe for your pets. While some shelters are set up to handle pets, they are not comfortable for you or your pet. Be sure to have identification on your pet including your telephone numbers.

Find a Safe Place Ahead of Time

- Research motels. Find out which ones will take pets. Be sure to ask about restrictions on size and number as well as species.
- Find out if friends or relatives away from the area would be able to shelter you and your pets or just your pets if necessary.
- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices that might shelter animals during an emergency. Include twenty-four hour telephone numbers.

Staying at Home During the Emergency

If you and your pets must stay at home to wait out the event, identify a safe place within your home where you can stay together. Be sure to have necessary supplies on hand for your pets just as you do for yourself.

After the Emergency

Do not allow pets to roam free. Keep them on a leash or in a fenced in area.

Supply Checklist for Pets

- Medications and medical records
- Leashes, harnesses, pet carriers
- Current photos/descriptions of your pets
- Food and water for at least three days, food bowls (cat litter and litter pan for your cats)
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, name and number of your veterinarian.
- Pet beds and toys