

DISASTER PLANNING

Are You Prepared?

Natural and man made disasters can occur at any time and without warning. Increase your chances of surviving a catastrophe! This booklet gives you a step-by-step plan to protect your home, kennel, family and pets. But to be prepared you must begin NOW!

Prepare Your Family To Evacuate

1. Be aware of the types of disasters that could hurt or destroy your family. Are you vulnerable to hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, blizzards, earthquakes, gas leaks, hazardous material spills, fires?

2. Develop an evacuation plan for yourself, your family, and your animals. Discuss with your veterinarian what emergency supplies should be kept on hand and which local veterinary practices would board dogs in case of emergencies. Agree on an evacuation site outside the disaster area whether it be with relatives or friends or a pet-friendly hotel.

An evacuation plan should include these lifesaving acts:

- a. Identify alternate routes to take you out of danger.
 - b. Establish places far enough from the disaster site so that family members can take different roads to meet.
 - c. Keep a current regional map in your car.
 - d. Keep a current list of friends, kennels, shelters, rescue volunteers, local Red Cross chapter, AKC CAR (Canine Animal Recovery) and veterinarians far enough from home who would be most likely to help you. Keep this list with your evacuation materials in the house and in the glove compartment of your car.
3. Assemble an evacuation kit and keep it in your car. These life-saving aids should be kept in easy-to-carry,

waterproof containers. Keep food and water in your car at all times and rotate them frequently.

Be sure to have the following in your car for your pets:

- Crates of appropriate sizes for the number of animals you will carry.
- Leashes, collars with positive ID tags for each animal.
- Veterinary records, current vaccination records (especially for rabies), and special medications.
- Permanent identification through microchipping and registering with CAR is advisable.
- Blankets, toys and treats.
- Shade cloths for summer.
- De-icer, windshield scrapers, shovel, extra warm clothing for winter.
- Paper towels, plastic baggies for scooping, trash bags.
- Flash light and extra batteries.
- Masking tape and laundry pen to change contact information on dog tags if needed.
- Emergency flares.
- Jumper cables.
- Loud emergency whistle.
- Extra set of car keys.
- A full or almost full tank of gas in all vehicles.

4. To be prepared you must have a first aid kit for injuries and illness. This must include:

- Liquid activated charcoal.
- Antidiarrheal tablets.
- Bandage materials.
- Betadine or other antiseptic scrub or wash.
- Alcohol pads.
- Latex or other non-allergenic gloves.
- A tourniquet.
- Sterile eye and skin wash to flush wounds.

- Pedialite liquid or powder.
- Antihistamine tablets.
- Tablets for sedation on the advice of your veterinarian.

Prepare Your Home and Kennel

1. Research various sources of food and water in case your usual suppliers are unavailable.

2. In case of a power failure, invest in a backup generator powered by propane or alternate sources of energy. Make sure it is large enough to run basic needs, such as water, heat, refrigerator, freezer, oven and a few lights. If you have a kennel, a separate generator is essential to maintain heat and/or cooling for the animals.

3. Test your fire and smoke alarms to be sure they are working properly with hook ups to central dispatch police or fire stations.

4. Place stickers on entrance doors to home and kennel to notify neighbors, firefighters, police or other rescue personnel in case you are not home what animals are on the property and where they are located.

5. Identify all dogs and cats with permanent identification. Take current photos of the animals with identification and registration information. In a kennel, keep identification and all pertinent information securely attached to the individual kennel runs for each dog. Make certain there are leads and collars for each animal clearly in view.

Keep the following on hand:

- A two weeks supply of water for people and animals.
 - Plan on one gallon of water per day per person or pet
 - Keep water in gallon jugs which have never contained milk or juice.

- If you use tap water, store it in thoroughly cleaned containers and add no more than a teaspoon of chlorine to the gallon.
- The safest source of water is commercially bottled water—keep sealed until ready to use. Observe the expiration date and “use by” date on the bottles.
- At least two weeks supply of non-perishable foods for animals and people.
- Manual can opener and kitchen supplies such as a pot or pan, utensils, disposable plates.
- Portable radio which works on solar or wind-up power.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and manual, similar to that stored in your car.
- Matches in waterproof container or waterproof matches..
- Extra clothing.
- Blankets and towels.
- Photocopies of all important papers, credit cards, identification for animals and people, including veterinary records. These should be kept together in a waterproof envelope.
- Cash to last at least two weeks.
- Medications, extra eye glasses or contact lenses with solutions.
- Infant needs, if applicable.
- Maps and current addresses similar to that kept in your car.

Additional Information

Use this additional information to help yourself, your loved ones and pets survive.

Congress has passed the Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act. This legislation provides for pet owning families and disabled people with service animals to enable them to keep their pets in the event they must evacuate. Federal funds are available to help states establish pet friendly emergency shelters. FEMA is granted authority to help state and local governments

develop emergency and evacuation plans which include pets and service animals.

Under new regulations from Homeland Security and FEMA only persons with FEMA certification will be allowed onto a disaster site. Certification may be achieved by taking an online test administered by FEMA. Local rescue groups, clubs and individuals may be certified by this process. You can access the information for this on the FEMA website or on the Department of Homeland Security website, www.nimsonline.com or <http://training.fema.gov>

All disaster assistance will be managed first at the local, then the county or state level and only as a last resort on the Federal level.

Resources

The following publications go into detail about disaster preparation:

- **Are You Ready?** Published by FEMA. A comprehensive book on every emergency situation imaginable. 200 pages published by the Dept. of Homeland Security. No charge. Order from www.ready.gov or by calling 1-800-BE-READY.
- **Saving the Whole Family.** Published by American Veterinary Medical Association. 12 pages, downloadable or by mail from AVMA. www.avma.org/disaster or AVMA, 1931 N. Meacham Rd., Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Phone 1-847-8070, ext. 261.

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Don't Play the Odds!

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A DISASTER?***

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Local Police # _____

Local Veterinarian # _____

Emergency Vet # _____

Personal Contact # _____

Local Rescue # _____

Regional Rescue # _____