

Pet Readiness for Natural Disasters

Evac-Pack Checklists

- Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification information.
- Your pet's ID tag should contain their name, a telephone number and any urgent medical needs.
- Be sure to also write your pet's name, your name and contact information on your pet's carrier.
- Microchipping your pet is strongly recommended as a more permanent form of identification.
- A microchip is implanted under the skin in the animal's shoulder area, and can be read by scanner at most animal shelters.
- Always bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm or disaster.
- Pets can become disoriented and wander away from home in a crisis.
- Store an emergency kit, carriers and/or leashes as close to an exit as possible.
- Make sure that everyone in the family knows where they are, and that the kit is clearly labeled and easy to carry.
- Items to consider keeping in or near your "Evac-Pack" include: Pet first-aid kit and guide book (ask your vet what to include)
- 3-7 days' worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food (be sure to rotate every two months)
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
- Litter or paper toweling
- Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
- Disposable garbage bags for clean-up
- Pet feeding dishes and water bowls
- Extra collar or harness as well as an extra leash
- Photocopies and/or USB of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet

requires (Remember, food and medications need to be rotated out of your emergency kit—otherwise they may go bad or become useless)

- At least seven days' worth of bottled water for each person and pet (store in a cool, dry place and replace every two months)
- A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet
- Flashlight
- Blanket
- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make "Lost" posters)
- Especially for cats: Pillowcase, toys, scoop-able litter
- Especially for dogs: Extra leash, toys and chew toys, a week's worth of cage liner

You should also have an emergency kit for the human members of the family. Items to include, but are not limited to:

- Batteries
- duct tape
- flashlight
- radio
- multi-tool
- tarp
- rope
- permanent marker
- spray paint
- baby wipes
- protective clothing and footwear
- extra cash
- rescue whistle
- important phone numbers
- extra medication and copies of medical and insurance information