



Canine/Feline Disaster Kit

- Emergencies come in many forms and they can be anything from a brief absence from your home or permanent evacuation
- Being prepared in advance can reduce stress for yourself and your animals

ARRANGE A SAFE HAVEN

1. Remember if it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets
2. Not all Red Cross disaster shelters accept pets, so it's important that you determine where you will take your pets ahead of time
 - Contact your veterinarian for a list of preferred boarding facilities
 - Ask your local animal shelter if they provide emergency shelter or foster care
 - Identify hotels outside of your immediate area that accept pets
 - Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they could take in your pet

PREPARE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND TRAVELING KITS IN ADVANCE

1. Keep an Evac-pack and supplies handy for your pets
2. Make sure everyone in the house knows where it is
3. Make sure it's easy to carry and clearly labeled
 - Pet first aid kit supplies
 - 3-7 days' worth of canned pop top food or dry food- rotate every 2 months
 - Disposable litter and litter trays
 - Paper towels
 - Liquid dish soap (Dawn)
 - Garbage bags for clean-up
 - Pet feeding dishes
 - Extra collar, leash and or harness
 - Photocopies of medical records & waterproof container with 2 week supply of any meds
 - Bottled water, at least 7 days' worth for each pet
 - A traveling bag, crate or carrier, one for each pet ideally
 - Flashlight
 - Blanket/towel for scooping fearful pet

- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make “Lost” pets posters)
- Dogs - extra leash, toys and chew toys, cage liner
- Cats - pillowcase, toys, scoopable litter
- List of hotels that accept pets and boarding facilities on hand
- Remember food and medications need to be rotated out otherwise they may go bad and become useless

CHOOSE DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS

This step takes time and thought

Temporary caregivers - lives close, generally home during the day, easy access to your home (give a set of keys), works well with neighbors

Permanent caregivers- consider people who have met your pet and have cared for them before

EVACUATION PREPARATION

Plan for worst case scenario

If you think it may be a day, plan for longer

When recommendations for evacuation have been announced- follow instructions of local and state officials. To minimize time- take these simple steps:

- Store emergency kit and leashes as close to exits as possible
- All pets need to wear collars and tags with up-to date ID- labeled with: name, phone #, urgent medical needs
- Label carriers with name and your contact info
- Micro-chips implanted and registered are great ways for permanent ID
- Always bring pets indoors at first sign or warnings of a storm or disaster
- Consider your evacuation route and call ahead to make arrangements for boarding your pet outside the danger zone

HELP INFO ONLINE

Longview Animal Hospital can help:

www.longviewanimalhospital.com, Go to ‘Services’ then click on ‘Online Pet Records’ to access your pet’s vaccination records - provide Longview Animal Hospital with your email address for full access.

Depending on the area being evacuated, Longview Animal Hospital offers boarding facilities for dogs under 80 pounds and cats.

- Aspca.ORG- Has an online form for a Rescue Alert sticker for your home
- ASPCA Disaster Prep APP for pet parents
- Recommendations for other pets such as reptiles, birds and other small animals

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