Prepare For Emergencies Now:
Information For Pet Owners.

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Preparing for Your Pets Makes Sense. Get Ready Now.

If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. Preparing for an emergency, like a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack, depends largely on emergency planning done today. You need to make plans in advance for your pets. The key is to develop a buddy system, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system. Either or both can do it. The first step is to be prepared for the unexpected, things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, and how you can do it. To find more information, you can visit the websites of the organizations listed above.

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for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down. Ready for transporting your pet. The carrier should be large enough that it is practical to do so. In many cases, your ability to do so

Crate or other pet carrier.

such as microchipping, and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.

consider talking with your veterinarian about permanent identification

waterproof container and also add them to your kit. You should also

vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag or

place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers,

leash, collar and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit. In addition,

Collar with ID tag, harness or leash.

alkohol and saline solution. Include a pet first aid reference book.

Talk to your veterinarian about what is most

of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof

Medicines and medical records.

Keep an extra supply in addition to water you need for yourself and your family.

Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets

waterproof container.

Food.

Keep at least three days of food in an airtight,

medicines, are fresh.

Get a Pet Emergency Supply Kit.

Familiar items can help reduce stress for your pet.

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breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.

you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species,

separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your

A picture of you and your pet together.

away, where you will meet in an emergency.

locations, one in your immediate neighborhood and another farther

Develop a buddy system.

ties in your area might be viable options for you and your pets.

place. Find out before an emergency happens if any of these facili-

hospital that is near an evacuation facility or your family's meeting

pets in an emergency. Other options may include: a hotel or motel

lodging in advance depending on the number and type of animals in

pets and anticipate where you will go. If you must evacuate, take

Plan how you will assemble your

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you stay put or get away. You should understand and plan for both

if you happen to be reached in an emergency. And, if time permits, remember to

of pets in your home to alert firefighters and rescue workers.

Gather contact information for emergency animal

information up to date and listed with a reliable recovery

If your pet is microchipped, keeping your emergency contact

temporary shelter. You should also consider

Discuss the types of things that you should

about emergency planning.

Talk to your pet's veterinarian

Get Ready Now.

Preparing for Your Pets Makes Sense.

You're more likely to take the time to protect your pet if you've already thought about it.

Familiarize yourself with the types of emergencies that could happen in your area. Read the evacuation plans and emergency procedures for your community. Make sure you have a plan to protect your pet if you must evacuate.

Know Your Responsibilities.

Know your responsibilities. Know what to do during an emergency and what to do after.

Communicate.

Communicate with your family and friends.

Prepare.

Prepare with neighbors, friends or colleagues.

Stay Informed.

Stay informed about types of emergencies that might happen and what to do in each situation.

What You Will Do in an Emergency.

Emergency planning is the first step in making sure your pet is safe during an emergency. You should have a plan in place before an emergency occurs.

Get a Pet Emergency Supply Kit.

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