Emergency Pet Sheltering During a Disaster Workshop

Guidelines for Developing Pet Emergency Plan

Preparation

Work with your veterinarian when developing your emergency plans to be sure the plan is tailored to the species, age and health of the pet, as well as location of the residence. Vaccines and medical records need to be current. Your pet should have permanent identification such as a microchip. Develop a buddy system by identifying a person not living at the residence who can implement the emergency plan in case no one is at home.

Shelter at home plan

Some disasters/emergencies require residents to shelter at home rather than evacuate. When this happens, pet owners and emergency buddies need to have a plan in place to be able to care for the pet at home for at least 3-7 days.

Pet location: Many pets are kept in a crate or specific area when no one is at home. Pet owners and the buddy need to know this location.

Pet emergency supply kit Location: The kit contains the supplies needed to care for the pet for the first 3-7 days of a disaster/emergency. See inventory list below for suggested items.

Weather radio location: A battery operated weather radio for monitoring weather reports and emergency notifications needs to be readily accessible.

Emergency contact list: The list should include the name, address and phone number for emergency contacts.

- Personal veterinarian:

- Local animal control and shelter:

- Emergency buddy:

- Family members:
Evacuation plan

If evacuation occurs, pets need to be evacuated as well. The pet owner and the emergency buddy need to have a copy of the evacuation plan. Research evacuation routes and determine which hotels/motels will accept pets during an emergency. Locate phone numbers for veterinarians and animal control in the town to which you will evacuate.

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- Veterinarian in evacuation location:

- Animal Control and Shelter in evacuation location:

- Hotels and Motels on Evacuation route that will accept pets during and emergency: