

Don't let an emergency turn into a disaster – plan ahead!

- Be Prepared.** Emergencies come in many forms, from house fires to floods, earthquakes and tornadoes – you will be in a hurry so the key is to be prepared.
- Identify** your home as a pet residence with a window decal for the emergency response team.
- Waterproof bag** or envelope for your pets insurance policy and medical history.
- Microchip** your pet to ensure permanent identification in the event that your pet loses its collar.
- Register** your pet's microchip with a reliable national pet recovery network. 24PetWatch is the only national pet recovery network that will register all brands of microchip, free of charge.
- Put a **collar** on your pet with a 24PetWatch ID tag, city license tag and rabies tag.
- Put together an **emergency kit** for your pet, keep it close to the door. Remember the basics of survival – food, water, fresh air and warmth and include the following:
 - Food** for 3 days plus a dish. Tinned food is heavy so we recommend dried food which should be kept in water/airtight container;
 - Water** for 3 days plus a dish. As a rough guideline; 1 large bottle for a cat or a small dog and 1 large bottle per day for a medium/large dog;
 - Hard shell pet carrier** (for a cat or small dog) labeled with key information. Include pet's name, microchip number and 24PetWatch telephone number (personal information may be included but is unnecessary if the pet is microchipped);
 - Leash and well fitted muzzle** (for a medium/large breed dog). In a disaster situation your dog, no matter how good natured normally, will be fearful. We strongly recommend the use of a muzzle during this stressful period to ensure that your pet is safely manageable by both you and by strangers;
 - Medication.** If your pet requires medication on an ongoing basis you should include 3 day's supply in a water/airtight container. In the event that you become separated from your pet it is important for veterinary personnel to be able to access your pet's medical records. 24PetWatch Medical is a unique program that allows your pet's medical records to be securely housed and accessed online via the 24PetWatch database;
 - Pet first aid kit.** This should include absorbent gauze pads, absorbent gauze roll, conforming bandage, cotton tipped applicators, antiseptic wipes, antiseptic cream, tweezers, scissors and disposable gloves;
 - Cat litter box** and litter or **plastic bags** to dispose of dog waste;
 - Blanket**
- Identify a **Safe Haven.** In the event of a wide-scale evacuation, many human shelters will not accept pets because of health and safety regulations. If you live in an area prone to certain natural disasters like flooding, tornadoes or earthquakes it is important to locate a safe haven for your pet ahead of time.
- Insure** your pet. Pet insurance offers pet owners the peace-of-mind that comes with knowing that your pet will receive the best veterinary care in its time of need. EmergencyCare Insurance is a unique product that will ensure that your lost pet's life-saving medical needs will be met in your absence.

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