

# PET EVACUATION PLANNING



## Be Prepared

- Make sure your pets have current identification (tags or microchip.)
- Evacuation shelters won't allow pets. Make sure you make arrangements ahead of time.
- Contact your local shelter, boarding facilities and hotels to find out if they will accept your pets.
- Check with friends or relatives to see if they can house your pets.
- Have a list of veterinarians and boarding facilities in your evacuation kit.
- Have a pet evacuation kit! (See checklist.)

## Evacuation

- Take your pet with you when you evacuate; Don't leave them behind. They can easily be lost, injured or killed in a wildfire event.
- Don't turn them loose. If you cannot safely evacuate them, leave them contained in the house or fenced area. Do not chain them up outside. Animals can become confused and run into the fire. They can also pose a risk to responders as the animals are under extreme stress.
- Leave early—don't wait for an evacuation order. You may not be allowed to return for your pets.
- Keep dogs on leashes or in crates and cats in carriers.
- If your pets become lost, physically check animal control and shelters **daily**.

## Away from Home

- If you are away from home or at work, make arrangements with a neighbor to evacuate with your pets.
- Make sure they have a key to your house and are familiar with your pets.
- Note the location of the pet evacuation kit for your neighbor; make sure they know where to access it and are familiar with the contents (medicine, food, instructions, etc.)

## Behavior

- Conditions during a disaster will be very different than the routine they are used to. Make certain that you keep them restrained and under control. They can easily get lost under the new conditions.
- If animals are severely distressed, seek veterinarian care.

## Additional Information

- FEMA <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/animals.shtml>
- Humane Society [http://www.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/DIST\\_DisasterPetBrochure.pdf](http://www.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/DIST_DisasterPetBrochure.pdf)



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## EVACUATION KIT

- ☐ 2-week supply of food (dry and canned)
- ☐ 2-week supply of water in plastic gallon jugs
- ☐ Flashlight, Radio and Batteries
- ☐ Cage / Carrier (labeled with your contact information)
- ☐ Manual can opener and spoons
- ☐ Copies of veterinary records and proof of ownership
- ☐ Emergency contact list
- ☐ Familiar items (toys, treats, blankets)
- ☐ Care instructions
- ☐ Special diet needs (including allergies)
- ☐ Medications (including dose and frequency)
- ☐ Veterinarian and pharmacy contact information
- ☐ Leash and collar
- ☐ Litter, pan and scoop
- ☐ Food and water dishes
- ☐ Muzzles
- ☐ Current photos of your pets for identification

*Consult your veterinarian when assembling a first aid kit. These items are only recommendations; your pet's individual needs may vary.*

## FIRST AID KIT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Activated charcoal liquid            | <input type="checkbox"/> Isopropyl alcohol / alcohol prep pads                | <input type="checkbox"/> Syringe or eyedropper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotic ointment for wounds       | <input type="checkbox"/> Latex gloves   | <input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer (digital) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-diarrhea liquid                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid dish detergent (mild wound and body cleanser) | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel and washcloth   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotic eye ointment              | <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring spoons                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bandage scissors                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-week supply of medications and preventatives       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bandages / Tape                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-adherent bandage pads                            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Povidone-iodine                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Saline solution (for rinsing wounds)                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton tipped swabs                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile lubricant (water based)                      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elastic bandage rolls                | <input type="checkbox"/> Styptic powder (clotting agent)                      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile eye rinse                    |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gauze pads and rolls                 |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice cream stick (for use as splints) |   |  |

*Additional information regarding equine, reptiles, birds and other small animals can be found at the American Veterinary Medical Association website: [http://www.avma.org/disaster/saving\\_family.asp#sm\\_evacuation](http://www.avma.org/disaster/saving_family.asp#sm_evacuation)*