



# Southern California Preparedness Foundation



## Disaster Planning Information For Your Pets

Animals are dependent on people to survive when disaster strikes. You need to take the time NOW to plan and prepare for evacuation and care for your animals when a disaster does strike.

### To begin, take three simple steps:

1. ***Make sure you have a safe way to transport your animals when evacuating***
2. ***Plan ahead of time and know where you are going to take them (pet friendly hotel)***
3. ***Get your Pet Go Kit together***

If you are not home when a disaster strikes, who could you trust to step in and help your animals? Choose someone you can depend on to notify when you are not at home. If they have animals, you can become each other's backup. Think of a friend, relative, landlord, or even a co-worker. Make sure you know where you will meet and how to contact one another.

To take planning one step further you can put together supplies needed to care for your animals during the time you are evacuated. It's suggested that you be self-sufficient for those first critical 72 hours, but 2 weeks of supplies is ideal.

### **Animal Disaster Supply Kit:** (Pet-Pac.com sells amazing pre-built Pet Emergency Kits)

- Food, water and bowls
- Grooming supplies
- Treats, toys
- Sanitation items - disinfectant, plastic bags, litter and litter box
- Pet first aid supplies
- Identification/tags on all animals
- Control and confinement equipment- carriers, crates and leashes with collars or harnesses
- Medications and copies of current veterinary records
- Current photos of your animal(s) with you included in the picture as proof of relationship
- Bedding

### **Put these numbers in your cell phone and keep a printed copy in your Pet Go Kit**

<b>Pet Poison Hotline:</b>	<b>(800) 213-6680, \$39 per incident</b>
<b>Nearest Emergency Pet Hospital:</b>	( ) _____ - _____
<b>Local Animal Control:</b>	( ) _____ - _____
<b>Office of Emergency Services:</b>	( ) _____ - _____
<b>Nearest Pet Friendly Hotel:</b>	( ) _____ - _____
<b>Pet Board and Care:</b>	( ) _____ - _____

**For More Disaster Readiness Info:**  
Ready.gov

**For Pet Go Kits/Safety and Pet Friendly Hotels:**  
**pet-pac.com**  
petswelcome.com  
officialpethotels.com



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## **During a disaster:**

- It may not be safe to "hang on" to your pet as this could be dangerous for you so try to confine them or you may need to just let them loose
- When asked to evacuate **ALWAYS TRY TO TAKE YOUR PET WITH YOU**
- In the event you cannot find or get a hold of your pet – leave an opening in your home for them to give them a fighting chance to get loose and to safety on their own

## **Returning Home with your Pets after a Disaster:**

- Make sure hazards are removed from your home before letting your pets loose
- Your pets may be disoriented or even aggressive returning home – Walk your dog around home and neighborhood to give them a chance to take in new smells
- Keep cats confined to smaller spaces and gradually let them explore home

## **If you were unable to retrieve Pet when disaster happened and your Pet is not home when you return:**

- Ran Away due to home destruction – look for a Found Pet poster
- Picked up by Neighbor – look for a note
- Retrieved by an Animal Rescue Group or Animal Control Agency – look for a notice posted on your property

## **After checking with Neighbors...Call Animal Control:**

- They are the acting governing agency for the welfare of your pet
- They should know what groups, non profits, and Animal Control Agencies sheltering animals in the aftermath of a disaster

## **Next Call your Office of Emergency Services:**

- Each County has their own Office – Look up yours
- They should also know what agency is governing Animal Response for the disaster

## **If all else fails...**

- Listen intently for radio or television information about response. Typically a Public Information Officer (PIO) for the Office of Emergency Services (OES) will be announcing what and where services are being provided to the victims of a disaster
- 211 (you may be able to call for updated information affecting your area) and Reverse 911 (may call you with emergency in your area)

## **Retrieving your Pet from an Emergency Shelter:**

- Have documentation – pet photo, vet records, neighbors name that may have dropped off your pet
- Have your pet checked over by your regular vet for any unknown/non presented medical issues and exposures

## **AND NOW...Be a Super Hero!**

- Learn Human and Pet First Aid/CPR
- Become a member of your Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and an Animal Response and Rescue Coalition (ARRC) Volunteer