

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## *PROTECTING PETS*



Did you know that in the event of an emergency or disaster Red Cross Shelters may not be able to accept your pet? Its not safe to leave your pets behind as they depend on you for their survival. The best way to ensure your pet is safe is to have a disaster recovery plan! Take time now to develop a plan and prepare a disaster kit for each pet.

Be sure your pets are licensed. You can license your pet at City Hall or call 425-469-4444 and request a pet license application be mailed to you.

- Have at least a week's supply of food and water on hand for each pet. Buy canned food in the smallest can possible as opened food needs to be refrigerated and you may not have this option. Don't forget to include a can opener in your kit.
- Food and water dishes. Collapsible dishes are easiest to transport.
- If your animal takes medication, have an emergency supply on hand and check expiration dates. Rotate medication as necessary.
- Have copies of medical reports stored in a waterproof container. Include the name and address of your veterinarian. (This is a good option for all family members too - of course you would list your doctor information instead!)
- Sturdy leashes/harness for each pet.
- Spiral ground stake and 6 ft. chain for dogs.
- Pooper scooper, 1 week supply of cat litter and plastic bags for disposing of waste (shoe box size litter box is recommended).
- Carrier or crate for each animal.
- First aid kit.
- Disinfectant cleaner and paper towels
- An article of your clothing so they can have the comfort of your scent.
- Toys and bedding.
- Recent photographs - it will help you identify your pet if it gets lost.

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