

## AT-A-GLANCE: PET PREPAREDNESS

If you are like millions of animal owners county-wide, your pet is an important member of your household. Unfortunately, animals are also affected by disaster. Here are some year-round safety tips to prepare your pet for emergencies and some suggestions in case you have to evacuate with your pet.

### Make a Plan

- Have an evacuation plan for your pets. Know a safe place to take your pets before a disaster or emergency occurs. Many public shelters and hotels do not allow pets.
- Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends, or relative to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you cannot.
- Have your pet's identification on them. Keep your address and phone number up-to-date and include contact information for an emergency contact outside your immediate area. Microchip your pet as a backup.
- If you have **Large Animals**: Pets such as horses, goats, pigs, etc. require special consideration when preparing for a disaster. Below are some additional tips to remember when preparing for a disaster if you own large animals.

### Build a Kit

Just as you do with your family's disaster kit, with your pet's kit, think first about the basics for survival, such as food and water. Consider making two kits, larger kit for sheltering in place and a lightweight version if you must evacuate.

- Water & water bowl (enough water for several days)**
- Food (At least three days' worth in a waterproof container)**
- First Aid Kit**
- Collar with ID tag and harness or leash.**
- Copies of the pet's registration information and other relevant documents in weatherproof containers and electronic copies.**
- Travel bag, crate, or sturdy carrier**
- Grooming items: pet shampoo, conditioner, and other items.**
- Sanitation needs. Such as pet litter, litter box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, and household chlorine bleach.**
- Picture of you and your pet and documentation of ownership.**
- Toys, treats, bedding, or other items to help reduce stress.**

