### Care of Pets in Disasters

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for owners to make adequate plans to care for, track, transport and shelter pets and when required if there is no place for their pets and animals. It is therefore critical the lives of their owners. In disasters, many individuals refuse to evacuate Pets, service animals and other domestic animals have a special place in animals in times of disasters and emergencies.

### Pre-disaster

- If necessary and when recommended, EVACUATE WITH YOUR PETS!
- Make a list of the places where you can get veterinary care, food, shelter and housing for your pets in an emergency.
- Maintain a copy of current pictures of the owner and the pet(s). Include any specific markings for identification purposes
- Make a pet emergency kit.
- Identify shelters in advance that will allow your pets.
- Ensure rabies tags are up-to-date and fastened to the animal's collar.
- your contact information is up to date with the microchip company Have each pet microchipped. Register the microchip and ensure

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### Always be prepared:

- Develop a family disaster plan for pets.
- Practice evacuation of your family and pets until evacuation is achieved within a few minutes.
- Determine the best room in the house to keep our pet if you must evacuate without your pet.
- neighbors, family and friends. Leave information Make emergency arrangements for pet care with the animals are in, and how to care for your pets. on how you can be reached, which room
- Establish a telephone tree with contacts living outside of your area.
  - Train your pet as obedience may save its life during an emergency.
- Familiarize your pet with being transported. Have a disaster kit for each pet. Kits should be handy and kept in rodent and ant-proof Practice evacuation transportation drills.

containers. Check disaster kits and replace



Muzzles	Blankets & pet toys	Spray disinfectant	Drinking Water (to last 1-2 weeks) and Bowls	Pictures of pet(s) and owner	Bio-hazard waste bags
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Reflective collars, tags & leashes	Pet food (to last 1-2weeks)	Manual can opener	Paper Towel, plastic bags	Medications and prescriptions (to last 3-4weeks)	Nitrile gloves
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- your name and contact information, easily accessible and large enough for your pet. ✓ Your crate should be labeled with
- ensure there is enough bedding to keep them Animals may be sheltered in open facilities; latex gloves, bandages, animal antiseptic Include a first aid kit for pets containing ointment, clippers, and tweezers.
- medical and ownership records in your disaster kit. Finsure your pet's vaccinations are current and keep copies of current vaccinations,



Other

YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME ADDRESS, PHONE YOUR LOGO

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## **During the Disaster**

- Stay calm and assess the situation.
- Do not attempt to rescue your pet at the expense of your life or others.
- television for instructions and special arrangements provided · Listen to the emergency alert system on your radio or for pets and people with pets.
- Immediately place your pet's collar with rabies and contact information tags.
- · If your pet has been exposed to chemicals, get information on how to handle it without harming yourself.
- home uncrated and unleashed for their safety from potential hazards If you must leave without your pet, leave them in your

to chemicals. Contact a veterinarian before

you attempt to treat them.

· Check your pet for injury and exposure

Post-disaster

- Provide enough water in a heavy container that Do not leave excess treats for your pet.
- for all exotic pets, especially poisonous ones. Leave warnings and handling instructions

cannot be tipped over.

rescue workers to see what animals they will encounter Paste emergency alert decals/labels clearly for and contact information.



### Care of Farm Animals

Individuals with farm animals, such as horses or cattle should consider the following

available to receive large animals for a short or Pre-identify farms/stables owners, who may be · All animals should have some form of identification-tags, tattoos, etc.

long-term basis.

- Evacuate animals whenever possible. Map out primary and secondary routes in advance.
- or ready to obtain, food, water, veterinary care, and Evacuation destinations should be prepared with, available along with experienced handlers and and supporting each type of animal should be · Vehicles and trailers needed for transporting animal handling equipment.
- must decide whether to move large animals to shelter or turn them outside. This decision should be based on the disaster type, quality and location of shelter In case evacuation is not possible, animal owners and the risks of turning them outside



post photos of your lost pet and visit local shelters,

animal control facilities, veterinary offices and

kennels until you have found it.

If you and your pet are separated, you can also

· Let your pet have plenty of uninterrupted sleep.

Encourage them to play with familiar toys.

Avoid excessive exercise and diet changes

water several times through the day. Gradually

until it is calm and only in a closed room. · Give your pet small amounts of food and

Do not remove your pet from its crate

increase the quantity of food to normal over

three to four days.

shelter or facility set up for lost and found animals

Any stray animal found should be taken to a

Seek professional counseling by professionals

experienced in dealing with disasters

Share experiences with friends and family.

To learn more about Pets in Emergency Preparedness and Recovery, refer to the Animal Care section in https://www.planners4healthtxapa.com/ the Planners4Health project website at