

PETS

- Keep a collar, current license and up-to-date ID tags on your pet at all times.
Consider having your pet micro chipped.
- Make sure your pet is comfortable being handled and is used to being in an appropriate carrier, box or cage for transport.
- Keep an updated list of trusted neighbors who could assist your animals in case of an emergency.
- Tighten and secure latches on birdcages.
- Fasten down aquariums on low stands or tables.
- Make a Go-Bag for each pet to include:
 - o Leashes and/or carriers for transport (pillowcase is a good option for transporting cats and other small animals)
 - o Muzzles for dogs
 - o Food, drinkable water and medicine for at least one week
 - o Non-spill bowls, manual can opener and plastic lid
 - o Plastic bags, litter box and litter
 - o Current photos of your pet, for reunification purposes
 - o Names and phone numbers of your emergency contact, local emergency veterinary hospital and shelter
 - o Immunizations records and information of any medical conditions and/or behavior problems
 - o Pet First-Aid kit and handbook
 - o Portable fencing or baby gates
- Remember animals react differently under stress. They may panic, hide and try to escape or even bite or scratch even if that is not their normal behavior. Outside your home and in the car, keep dogs securely leashed and transport cats in carriers or pillowcases.
- If your pet is lost, contact the nearest animal shelter to report your pet missing as soon as possible. When it is safe, return to your neighborhood to search and distribute “lost pet” posters.
- Do your best to locate all your animals and keep them with you. If you must go to an emergency shelter, be aware that shelters will only allow service animals for persons with disabilities. In a large scale disaster, animal shelters will be set up in close proximity to human shelters when possible.
- If you must leave your pets behind
 - o Do not tie up pets
 - o Inform animal rescue workers of your pet’s status: On your front door use chalk, paint or marker to write the number and type of pet in your residence. Include their location in your unit and the date that your evacuated
 - o Leave plenty of water in a large container that cannot be tipped over
 - o Leave plenty of food in timed feeders to prevent your pet from overeating
- For more pet information American Veterinary Medical Assoc www.avma.org or Humane Society www.hsus.org