

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



for **Pets**

Here are some tips to increase your pet's chance of surviving a disaster :

- Gathering sufficient and appropriate supplies to take care of your pet(s) for a period of 7 to 10 days after a disaster.
- Ensuring that your pet(s) are properly identified so that they can be returned to you if they are separated from you during a disaster.
- Developing a Neighborhood Pet Preparedness Plan in cooperation with other pet owners to share information and resources.
- Designating a person as a back up to check on your pet in the event that you are unable to do so.
- Creating an emergency go kit for your pet in the event of an evacuation or displacement and include bowls, a blanket, toys.
- Keeping a proper type of pet carrier including supplies readily accessible for quick transportation.
- Including your pet's veterinarian contact information in with your emergency contact list.
- Storing duplicates of your pet's medical records in with your own duplicate records and include photos and videos.
- Applying a "Pet Finder " sticker to all points of entry for first responders to know it is a pet friendly home.
- Keeping a photo that shows you and your pet together as proof it is your animal and make sure any distinguishing marks are visible.
- Researching multiple locations of shelters that accept animals and their requirements before a disaster occurs.
- Listing feeding schedules, behavioral issues, medical problems on a card for anyone who may need to care for your pet.