

## Assemble a Disaster Pet Supply Kit –

Keep essential supplies in an accessible place, in sturdy containers.

Sturdy leashes, harnesses and a crate or carrier.

Medications, medical records and phone number of veterinarian in a waterproof container and a first aid kit.

3 day supply of food and potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.

Current photos of your pets (if they get lost).

Pet beds and toys if easily transported

## As a Disaster Approaches:

Pay attention to disaster alerts and warnings. Take steps to protect your pet at the first sign of a disaster.

Call to confirm emergency shelter arrangements for you and your pets.

Check you pet disaster supplies and make sure they are ready to go.

Bring all pets into the house so you don't have to search for them if you must leave in a hurry.

If possible, arrange in advance for a neighbor or pet sitter to take your pets if your are not at home.

Attach the name and number of your emergency phone to your pets collar/ID tag.

## Tips to plan for your pets in an evacuation

### Reaching Shelter and After the Disaster:

Remember animals react differently under stress.

Outside your home and in the car, keep dogs securely leashed or in their crate. Transport cats in carriers.

Don't leave your pets unattended anywhere they can run off (pets may panic, hide, try to escape, bite or scratch).

Give your pets time to get back into their routines once they return home.

Don't allow your pets to roam loose. Familiar landmarks and smells may be gone and your pet could become disoriented and lost.

Birds: Transport birds in a secure travel cage or carrier.

In cold weather, wrap a blanket around the cage and warm up the car before putting birds inside.

During warm weather carry a mister and mist your bird's feathers.

Do not put water inside cage during transport.

Provide birds with a few slices of fruit and vegetables having high water content.

Have a photo identification and leg bands.

Keep the carrier in a quiet area and don't let the birds out.

Reptiles: Snakes can be transported in a pillowcase but must be placed in more secure housing upon reaching your destination.

Carry the food your snake will need.

Take a large heating pad and water bowl for soaking.

For transport of house lizards follow the directions for birds.

If you can't take your pets with you do not leave them chained outdoors or roaming free.

Bring them inside and leave them in a room with no windows but with adequate ventilation (laundry room, garage, etc). House cats and dog separately, even if they usually get along. Only leave dry foods and fresh water in non-spill or auto feed containers. (Consider leaving food your pets are

not wild about to prevent bingeing) Place a sticker on a door indicating the number of animals inside.