

BE PREPARED TO FACE A DISASTER

TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR CAT

- Don't wait until an emergency or disaster is upon you to figure out how you will get your cat to safety.
- Be aware of your cat's favorite hiding / napping places. This will allow you to locate them quickly. It's a good idea to close off areas that would be difficult for you to access during an emergency.
- Cats can pick up on our stress. When facing an emergency, it is important to be calm and quiet but act quickly.
- Take extra precautions to keep your cat confined in a safe area until it is time to evacuate.

A word about "scruffing"

Even the most docile, gentle cat can become agitated and difficult to handle during an emergency. The act of "scruffing" is used by animal care and rescue professionals when handling cats during a disaster as well as during routine care. When done correctly, it is totally harmless to the cat involved. If you can simply pick up your cat and get them into their Evacsak™ or carrier without incident – then do so. If you fear that they may wriggle away and you won't get a second chance – then "scruffing" might be the way to go.

How to Scruff A Cat

1. Using your strongest hand, start by scratching the top of your cat's head. Next, move down to the back of their neck and then gently, but firmly, grab the skin on the back of their neck. Gripping closer to their ears will limit their ability to move their head which is helpful if you have a kitty that will bite.
2. As you pull up slightly on the skin, they should become still and offer little resistance. This is due to a built-in tendency left over from kittenhood, when they were carried by their mother. If they are still wriggling around, gather a bit more of their skin and tighten your grip ever so slightly. Note: some cats may cry out at being handled this way.
3. As you lift your cat up by the scruff, use your other hand to cradle under their bottom offering support. It is important to not allow your cat's full weight to hang from its scruff.
4. Deliver your cat where you need them to be.
5. Release their scruff as you gently scratch and massage their neck.
6. Staying tuned into your cat's condition during evacuation will allow you to meet and / or communicate his or her needs.

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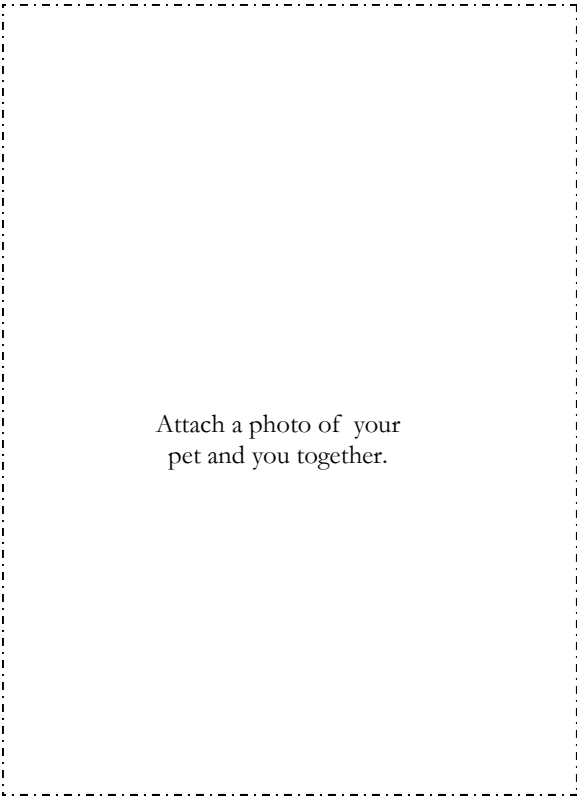
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My local Humane Society _____

My local Animal Control Agency _____

My local Emergency Animal Hospital _____

Other important services _____



Attach a photo of your pet and you together.

My Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Person Name, Phone and Address: _____

Veterinarian Name, Phone and Address _____

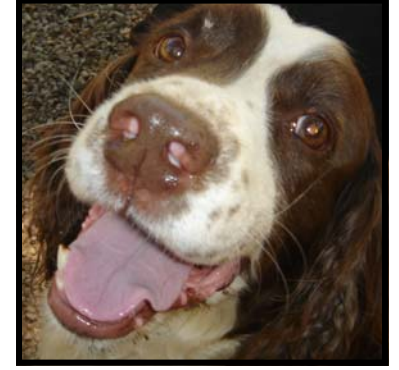
Pet's Name: _____

Species: _____ Breed: _____

Special Markings: _____

Other Notes: _____

Don't Delay! Prepare Today!



"Because they're family!"

Disaster and Emergency Preparedness For Your Pet!

Don't leave them behind!

Your animals rely on you to protect them during a disaster or emergency. The best thing you can do for yourself and all your loved ones, is to be **prepared**.

First, identify the types of emergencies and disasters that you could possibly face. Do you live in an apartment? Do you often take your pet with you in the car? Do you live in a flood zone or an area known for tornados, hurricanes or earthquakes? Considering all the possibilities will give you an idea of the number of plans you need to devise. It is important to include all family members (human or otherwise) in your preparedness efforts. Identify together what is truly important and then devise a plan to see to it that those things are protected.

In the event that your animal is displaced due to an emergency or disaster, there are several well-equipped, animal related organizations that will provide you with support. It is important to acquaint yourself with the services in your area as well as the services provided by national animal rescue groups.

The best case scenario is to avoid emergencies and disasters all together. The next best scenario is that you exit with all that you value—at your side.

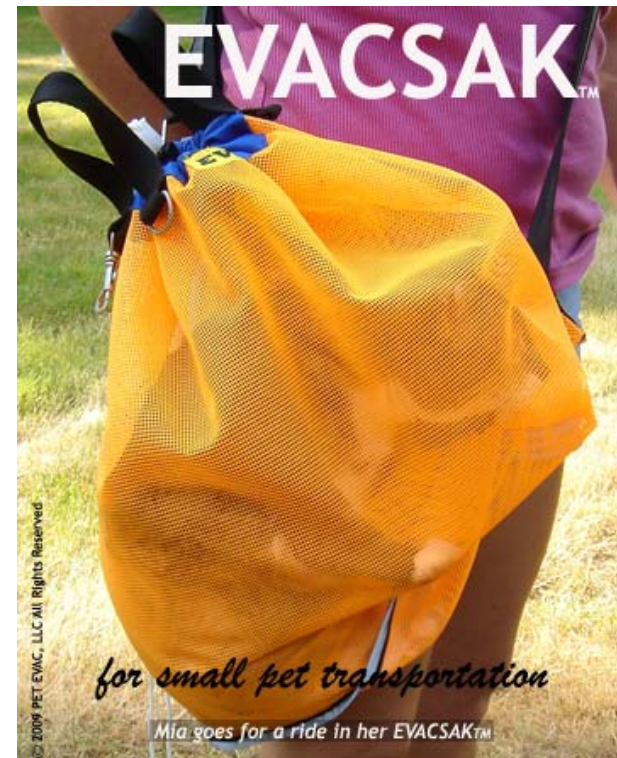
Be smart. Be safe. Be prepared.

Assemble Your Pet's Disaster Preparedness Kit

- ___ One harness and leash for each dog, with id
- ___ One harness and leash for each cat or small animal with id
- ___ One secure carrier of adequate size for each dog or cat (use the EVACSAK™ for cats, small dogs, birds, some reptiles)
- ___ One week's worth of pet food (consider a freeze-dried /dehydrated food where space is limited and / or long term storage is expected. Always store food in rodent-proof containers)
- ___ One week's worth of water in non-leaking containers+
- ___ Any medicine your pet requires
- ___ A copy of your pet's health records in a waterproof sleeve (a rabies certificate is especially important)
- ___ A photograph of me along with my pet
- ___ Clear instructions regarding your pet's needs
- ___ A pet first aid kit and book
- ___ Favorite toy, treats, blankets (anything that will provide comfort)
- ___ Small litter box and litter for cats
- ___ Doggie Poop bags
- ___ Paper towels and a small bottle of cleaner
- ___ Pee pads
- ___ Garbage bags
- ___ Manual can opener and spoon for canned food
- ___ Roll of tape and a permanent marker

Assemble Your Pet's Emergency Kit

- ___ One harness and collar for each dog, in one specific place, bearing identification.
- ___ One emergency evacuation device (assembled carrier or an EVACSAK™) for each small pet, in one specific place, bearing identification.



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