

BE PREPARED TO FACE A DISASTER

TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

- Don't wait until an emergency or disaster is upon you to figure out how you will get your dog to safety.
- Be aware of your dog'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.
- Dogs can pick up on our stress. When facing an emergency, it's important to be calm and quiet but act quickly.
- Take extra precautions to keep your dog confined in a safe area until it is time to evacuate.
- Choose a harness over a collar. A dog can pull out of a standard collar easier than a harness. Don't forget to include his or her identification tag.
- When facing an emergency or disaster, don't leave your dog unattended in the yard during potty breaks. It's best to keep them on a leash in case you need to get them back indoors quickly.
- Don't over-estimate your dog's tolerance level when under stress. Even the most gentle, well natured dogs can become defensive when frightened. Therefore it is important that you take extra care when moving your leashed dog to safety. Also, pay close attention when your dog comes in contact with other animals, children and strangers.
- Many dogs can be led out of a disaster / emergency zone on a leash. If this is the case, you might want to have a muzzle available for safety. For smaller dogs you can use an Evacsak™ or other style of carrier.
- Dogs respond very well to reassurance from their human companions. Staying tuned into your dog's condition during evacuation will allow you to meet and / or communicate his or her needs.

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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.

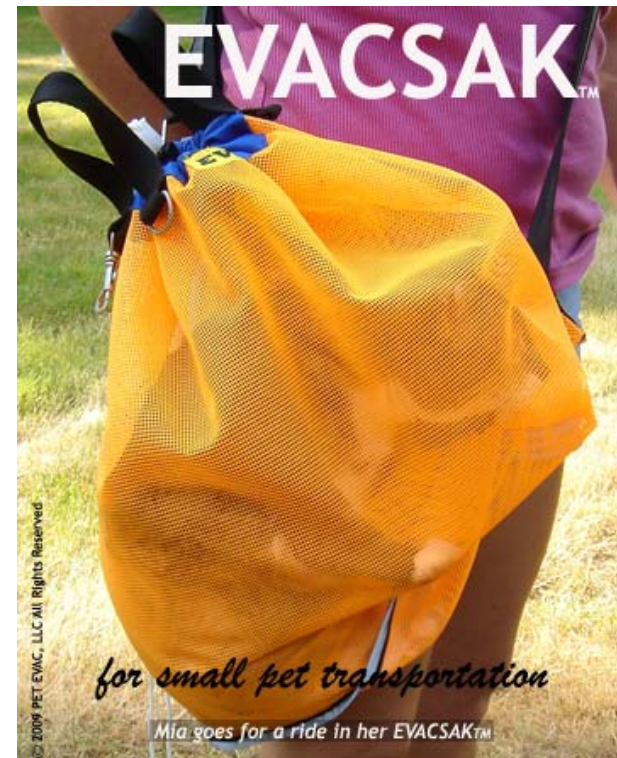
Be smart. Be safe. Be prepared.

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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