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Emergency Preparedness for Pets

If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency such as a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack depends largely on emergency planning done today.

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency.

Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what's best for your animals.

Disaster Supply Kit

Prepare a portable disaster supply kit for your pet. Keep items in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily.

- Proper identification, including current photos
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals can't escape pet beds and toys
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions & medications, behavior problems, veterinary records and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets and an ample supply of food & water

In Case of Evacuation

If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if possible.

- If you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside.
- Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets.
- Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself.
- Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer.

More Information

For more information on emergency preparedness, please visit our website at http://Ready.wi.gov. You'll find guidance on:

- Getting a Kit — of emergency supplies for your home, car and workplace.
- Making a Plan — to communicate with and locate your loved ones during an emergency.
- Being Informed — about the types of emergencies that occur and the safety measures you should take.

You can also get additional information from your county emergency management director.

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