



## **PAWS UP for SAFETY®**

### **Pets and Weather Safety – Understand and Protect**

Over the past few years we have noticed an increase in natural disasters that require families to evacuate at the last minute. What if your community received a notice to evacuate? Would you be prepared? Do you know what to do with your pets? We know, it's not something anyone likes to think about — but at Center for Pet Safety, we want to help you be prepared.

When an evacuation is mandated it is to protect your family. Staying behind will put first responders at risk because they may have to try to save you — IF they can save you. During recent natural disasters, many have perished because they did not heed the evacuation order.

Did you know that safety regulations at the state and local levels do not permit your pets in disaster shelters? Yes, it's true. If you don't make evacuation plans, you may need to leave Fluffy or Fido behind — and that's not something any pet owner wants to do.

#### **Instead - Let's Plan Ahead!™**

1. Contact friends and family nearby to pre-arrange shelter for you and your pets in the case of an emergency.
2. As a backup plan, contact area hotels about their pet policies in the case of an emergency. Make a list of those that accept pets.
3. Veterinarians, Doggy Day Care Facilities or Boarding Facilities may be an option, make a list of those that provide emergency shelter.
4. Animal Shelters in your area may be inundated during emergencies, but include them on your list — just in case.
5. Microchip your pet. This little rice-sized object can help them find their way home to you if they get lost.
6. Pack an evacuation kit for your pets — CPS has provided helpful documentation below.
7. **Practice, Practice, Practice!** While evacuation planning is not to be taken lightly, practicing your escape route will help you and your family prepare and give you confidence during an emergency.

At Center for Pet Safety we know how hard it is to think about emergencies involving our pets. So to help you plan ahead, we've prepared an Emergency Checklist and Evacuation Planning kit. Follow these instructions and you'll be prepared in the case of an emergency.

#### **Instructions**

Fill out the following paperwork and place it in an airtight plastic bag inside your evacuation kit. Why do we recommend paper instead of digital? Networks may be out in your area during a disaster.



## Emergency Contact List

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Police : \_\_\_\_\_ Fire & Rescue: \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal's Microchip Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip Provider and Tracking Service Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Veterinarian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Alternate Veterinarian (50-100 miles away)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Veterinarian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Veterinarian (50-100 miles away)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## Emergency Shelter

**Hotel / Boarding / Emergency Care Facilities (Include at least one that is 50-100 miles away)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Emergency Check List

Pack the basics to ensure you keep your environment clean and have emergency equipment handy. We recommend 5 Gallon Paint Buckets with handle and lid (available at your local big box retail paint department) or a large plastic storage box with lid.

### Emergency Equipment

- Flashlight, Batteries
- Can / Bottle opener
- Heavy Duty Leather Gloves
- Chargers (Cell Phone...etc.)
- Zip Ties
- Duct Tape
- Towels
- Pocket knife or Leatherman® multi-functional tool

### Sanitation

- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- 1 Box of Heavy Duty Trash Bags
- Soap
- Pet Clean-up bags
- Paper Bags or Newspaper
- Kitty Litter

### Feeding and Comfort

- Plastic Plates
- Brush
- Plastic Bowls
- Plastic Utensils
- Blankets
- Treats and Chew Toys

### Food and Water

Bring a 7-10 day supply of food and water for your pet. Stores are typically emptied during disasters so you will want to plan ahead in the event of inclement weather. Bring ample water for your pets — at least ½ gallon per day — in addition to the water you plan for your family. Consider lake, river and flood water contaminated. *DO NOT let your pets drink from these sources.*

### Identification & Medical:

- Extra Collar & Leash
- ID tags
- Medication
- Medical Records (including all vaccination records)
- Pictures of you with your pet

**Pet First Aid Kit: See PAWS UP for Safety First Aid Kit Project.**

## Evacuation Notice (below)

Laminate the evacuation notice and secure it to your front door in the event of an evacuation. It will help first responder efficiency in the case of an emergency.

**EVACUATION NOTICE**

**NO PEOPLE**

**NO PETS**

**This residence has been evacuated.**



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Laminate Me!