

Special Survival Tips For

Other Animals

- Make sure your pets, large and small, are properly identified.
- Transport small mammals such as hamsters, gerbils and ferrets in carriers that can maintain them while at a boarding location (take food and water, bowls, bottles, bedding and other items)



Horses take special care

- Emergency supply kit should include halters, lead ropes, blankets, shipping boots, food, water, food and water buckets, health records, identification records, first-aid kits for humans and animals, grooming supplies & garbage bags.
- Identify and secure – well in advance – several possible boarding locations locally and out-of-state. Be sure to have a trailer reserved for emergency use, if you do not have one or yours is not in good repair.



Disaster Preparation Tips For You

& Your Pets



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That won't happen to me!

You might think, "That won't happen to me," but it can and it will! When disaster strikes, advance planning is the key to keeping you, your family and your pets safe.

Here in Alton, we have all experienced a blizzard, a flood, the occasional forest fire, tornado or hurricane. We've been lucky not to have any bad earthquakes, mud slides or chemical spills. But they could happen, at anytime!

In any disaster, emergency planning can save lives. Be sure to include your pet in your plans-

They depend on you for protection.

To stay safe you'll need:

- Family Disaster Plan
- Emergency Contact List
- Pet Survival Kit

Use this checklist to get started!

Family Disaster Plan

Sit down with all the members of your household - today - and make a written Family Disaster Plan. Include step-by-step arrangements for leaving your property if the need occurs, alternate evacuation routes and meeting places, as well as your Emergency Contact List. Decide what to include in a Pet Survival Kit - and where you'll keep it.

Your local Red Cross or Emergency Management department can help you create a realistic plan.

Most importantly, you need to plan in advance, practice your plan and keep it updated!

Emergency Contact List

Names, addresses and telephone numbers for:

- Local Pet Shelters (Most public shelters will not allow pets: it's up to you to make alternative arrangements)
- Hotel/Motels that allow pets (within 100 mile radius)
- Boarding Facilities/Shelters (within 100 mile radius)
- Neighbors (Two or more)
- Out-of-state contact numbers of relatives or friends (work and home)
- Local animal rescue groups & humane societies
- City, county and state emergency response agencies
- Pet supply and Feed stores

Pet Survival Kit

(For dogs, cats and other pets)

- Make sure your pets are wearing proper identification: a collar with emergency tags (your name and your pet's, home address & phone number, and your out-of-state contact number). A microchip is good proof of ownership if you know where your pet is, but may not be detected when the pet is found.
- Food & water (for at least 3-7 days: be sure to include a can opener)
- Pet medication, as prescribed by your veterinarian (enough for 30 days)
- Unbreakable bowls/containers for pet food and water.
- Well fitting collars. Harness and leash
- Portable pet carrier and/or tie out
- Brush or comb (calms you, calms them)
- Familiar toy or chews (pets under stress will welcome a familiar item)
- Pet First-Aid Kit (available at pet stores or your vet)
- Twin-sized blanket
- Pet Documents (sealed in a zip lock bag)
 - Copy of dog or cat license
 - Copy of rabies vaccination certificate
 - Pet medical records
 - Pet photos (front and side views for positive identification: include any distinguishing markings or scars)

Be sure to rotate all medicines, food and water to keep them fresh. These items should be stored in a plastic tub and sealed with duct tape.