It's National Preparedness Month - Get Pet Prepared!

Step 1: Get a Rescue Alert Sticker

Get an easy-to-use sticker to let people know that pets are inside your home at www.aspca.org

Step 2: Arrange a Safe Place

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND but pre-arrange a safe place to bringyour pets in the event you must evacuate and the disaster shelterdoesn't accept pets.

Step 3: Emergency Supplies and Travel Kits

Keep a supply kit ready for your pets, with the following items:

- 3-7 days' worth of pet food (canned with pop-top or dry food) and dish
- Disposable litter supplies (trays, garbage bags, disinfectant and clean up items)
- Extra collar or harness as well as an extra leash
- Medical records and a two-week supply of any medicines for your pet
- Bottled water, at least 7 days' worth for each pet
- A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet
- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make "Lost" posters)

Step 4: Select a Caregiver

Choose a caregiver to take care of your pet in the event you are not at home when a disaster occurs, or if something should happen to you. Give this person keys to your home and make sure he or she understands the responsibilities of caring for your pet.

Step 5: Evacuation Preparation

Be prepare before a disaster occurs by making sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification. Your pet's ID tag should contain his name, telephone number, and any urgent medical needs. Be sure to write your pet's name, your name and contact information on your pet's carrier.