

SoCal Animal Response Team

ANIMAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS READY PAK KIT



Disaster Preparedness for Pets and Their Families

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- **Animal First Aid Kit** (don't forget to add the basic human first aid kit too).
- **Disaster kit** - maintain disaster preparedness supply kit for each of your animals. Have kit in a water resistant pack, with bright colors and bold letters, including the pet's name. Make sure kit is easy to carry and close to home exit. Laminate paper items or store in airtight plastic bags. Refer to Pet Information for *Ready-Pak*.
- **Veterinary Information** - Vet's name, phone number, address. Should also include vaccination and medical records. Store these in a waterproof plastic bag or container. Make sure you include an alternate vet, if possible.
- **Veterinary Disaster Plan** – find out if your vet has a disaster plan and what it is. This will help you know where and how to reach your vet if your pet need emergency treatment.
- **Written release for vet care** – in the event of a disaster, you may not be available to make care decisions.
- **Vaccinations** – keep them current, as they will be needed for boarding purposes. Make sure they have had the Bordatella vaccine to help prevent “kennel cough.”
- **Medications and dosing instructions** - mark on calendar to cycle meds before they expire. Keep at least a one week supply on hand; and don't forget hairball paste for the cats.
- **Pet's Behavior** – note your pet's normal daily behavior and also the animal's behavior when it is stressed. This will help others who need to handle your pet.
- **Current photographs** – include the owners with the animal. Try to take photos from different angles and include a description of identifying marks. Include at least 10 copies of the photos so that you can distribute them to shelters in the event your pet becomes lost. You might even consider making up some “lost” posters just in case.
- **Current ID tags** – on animal collars and/or microchip. Include out-of-state family or friend's phone number. Daily medications should be included on tags.
- **Sturdy animal carriers** – one for each animal and make sure it is large enough for them to stand, turn around and lay down in. Airport carriers are best for transporting, while the wire collapsible cages and exercise pens are better once the animal is stationary. Keep the carriers/kennels/crates in an easy to reach place. Familiarize your animal with carrier or cage before an emergency. Practice crate training with your pet(s). A pillow case can be used to evacuate a cat quickly, but must be placed in a carrier as soon as possible.
- **Sturdy leashes, collars, or harnesses** – keep handy for each animal and consider using a harness for both dogs and cats. Break-away collars prevent the pet from choking if it becomes attached to something. Keep extra collars, ID tags and leashes in your car. Including a yard/tether stake with cable is a good idea for a dog.
- **Muzzle** - cage muzzle or soft collapsible muzzle are best. (A gauze roll can be temporary muzzle.) Practice putting muzzles on your pet during play time.
- **Portable radio and extra batteries.**
- **Two weeks' supply of food and water** - 1 gallon of water per day for 40-pound dog and 1 quart of water per day per cat. Rotate food and water every 3-6 months. Check manufacturer's expiration date. Put a spoon or scoop in with the food and store them in an airtight container. Include any special feeding instructions for your pet. A good source of water would be to fill a bath tub and sink with water in case service is disrupted.
- **Manual can opener and attach extra spoons.**
- **Information on** feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavioral problems and name and number of vet if you have to board or place your animals in foster care.
- **Contact hotels and motels** outside your area that are animal friendly or would waive their pet policy during an emergency. Identify friends, relatives, kennels/boarding facilities and veterinary clinics that your animals might be able stay with if there is a disaster.
- **Window decals** – place in your window identifying the number and types of pets you have. If you evacuate and take your pets, leave a note so that rescuers won't be looking for them.
- **Pet treats** – include the kinds that your pet likes to reduce stress.
- **Animal beds and toys** - reduces stress and can be taken easily.
- **Extra blankets**
- **Cage liners** – seven (7) day supply.
- **Non-spill, heavy food and water bowls.**
- **Cat litter box and scoopable litter** – can be made out of a small cardboard box.
- **Newspapers** – for cage liners and can be used for splints.
- **Paper towels**
- **Grooming items** – brushes, combs, dry shampoo, flea treatment, scissors and nail clippers.
- **Household bleach, cleaners, disinfectants and antibacterial dish soap** – for cleaning crates and litter boxes.
- **Plastic bags and scoopers** – for waste disposal (also use a garden spade or child's shovel).
- **Plastic garbage bags.**
- **Towels, sheets, plastic sheets or sheeting.**
- **Buddy system** – in case you're not home when disaster strikes, ask a trusted neighbor to check on your animals. Exchange vet information and file a permission slip with the vet authorizing them to get emergency treatment for your animal if you cannot be located. Make sure your neighbor has a house key and is willing to take care of your pets. Make sure they are comfortable with your pets and understand their behavior under normal and stressful circumstances. Make sure they have met your pets prior to the disaster. Choose a specific location to meet if you are unable to return home after the disaster. They should also have another contact number to reach you if your designated meeting place is not available.

PET INFORMATION FOR *READY PAK*

Owner Information		
Last Name	First Name	Pet's Name
Street Address	City	Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone

Emergency Contact <i>(Friend or relative who can make medical decisions for my pet in an emergency)</i>		
Phone Number	Name	Relationship to Pet Owner

Out-of-State Contact <i>(Friend or relative who can make medical decisions for my pet in an emergency)</i>			
Phone Number	Name	Relationship to Pet Owner	
Street Address	City	Zip Code	

Pet Information					
Pet's Name		License Tag Number		Microchip or Tattoo? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Number: _____	
Type of Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Bird <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				Size <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large	
Breed		Color		Distinguishing Marks	
Fur Length <input type="checkbox"/> Short <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Long	Type of Coat <input type="checkbox"/> Smooth <input type="checkbox"/> Wavy <input type="checkbox"/> Coarse	Tail <input type="checkbox"/> Long <input type="checkbox"/> Bushy <input type="checkbox"/> Short <input type="checkbox"/> Curly <input type="checkbox"/> Cropped	Ears <input type="checkbox"/> Erect <input type="checkbox"/> Cropped <input type="checkbox"/> Flop	Declawed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Injured or sick? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain _____
Pet's Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Neutered or Spayed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Pet's Birth Year:	Vaccinations within the Last Year <input type="checkbox"/> DHLPP <input type="checkbox"/> Corona <input type="checkbox"/> Parvo <input type="checkbox"/> FELV <input type="checkbox"/> FVRCP <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Medical Conditions: _____		
Rabies vaccination in the last three years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					
Aggressiveness: <input type="checkbox"/> People <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs <input type="checkbox"/> Cats <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____					

Owner's Signature	Date
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1. Include photo of your pet with your family members in the photo for proof of ownership!
2. Attach a copy of your pet's vaccination record (keep all documents in waterproof bags)!
3. Have a decal or sticker in your window identifying numbers of animals inside your home and emergency contact numbers!

Specific Animal Supplies for *Ready-Paks*

Special Needs for All Animals:

List of special markings on animal
Photos of animal(s) with owners (show special markings)
Vet records
Animal medications, including dosage and schedule
Bedding (pads, pellets, shavings, sheets, towels)
Dietary Supplements with directions for use, if given
Food and Water dishes or pails (heavy, no-spill type)
Hand pump (if regular service is interrupted)
Manual can opener
Newspapers
Plastic bags for waste
Stakes & tie-outs to be used for kennels/cages
Shovels (garden type, long handled and folding)

Specific for Dogs:

Blankets
Cage/Kennel liners
Collars with ID (No chain collars)
Crates or portable kennels (small, medium, large)
Dry & wet dog food (small pop-top cans)
Leashes, harness (include gentle-leader type)
Muzzles/ropes for muzzles
Pooper-scooper or garden shovel
Toys
Treats

Specific for Cats:

Cat carriers, crates or kennels (small, medium)
Cat (wildlife) gloves
Collars with ID tags
Leashes, harness (for cats)
Litter (1 week supply)
Litter pans (small, fold-out box)
Plastic litter pan liners
Towels to handle frightened or injured cats

Specific for Horses:

Feed for one week (minimum)
Gallon barrels for food and water
Bolt cutters
Fly spray and/or mask
Grooming brush, shaving
Hoof picks, knife, and nippers
Horse blanket or sheet & vest (2 week supply)
Horse first aid kit
Leather gloves
Leg wraps
Lime powder
Muck buckets or wheel barrow
Non-nylon leads, halters and shanks
Pitch fork (manure fork or long shovel)
Portable corrals
Rope or lariat
Salt licks
Shavings for bedding (one week supply)
Super Mask
Tarpaulins
Tie out rope
Toys
Tub trugs with tail tamers
Twitch
Vet supplies
Water buckets (metal & firm, flexible plastic)

Special ID for Horses and Livestock:

Bill of Sale or documentation to prove ownership
Braiding ID information into the mane
ID tags (neck, legs, ears)
Livestock crayons (mark name, address and phone on coat)
Use clippers to shave information into the coat

Specific for Birds:

Evacuation cage (bird can't chew out of) or enclosed carrier

Cage materials (bedding, perches, water and food trays, toys)
Cage liners (1 week supply)
Flashlight and extra batteries (regulates light hours for your bird)
Heavy towels (to cover cage and keep birds warm)
Hot water bottles
Long-handled net with small openings that your bird can't get its head through
Plant mister
Treats

Specifics for Small Animals:

(Ferrets, hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, guinea pigs, etc.)

Exercise equipment
Extra bedding
Secure cage, covered
Supply of food (one week supply)

Specific for Reptiles and Amphibians: (Herptiles)

Bag of sand
Battery-operated heat lamp and extra batteries
Cage, secure container or enclosed carrier (one that fits)
(Pillow case can be used to transport snakes, but must be moved to secure housing ASAP)
Cage accessories (bowls for water and lying in, moss, rocks, hiding box, and liners)
Dechlorinator drops
Fruit and vegetables (fresh, frozen, canned or baby food. Remember only “no salt added”)
Pellet food
Plant mister

Special Supplies for Reptiles and Amphibians: (Herptiles)

Evacuation case – temperature regulated (small aquarium, solid walled cage or plastic critter case)
Artificial turf
Bowl or flower pot (turned over) for hiding
Butcher paper
Calcium/vitamin supplements
Cleaning supplies (soap and water only)
Electric cords (if electricity available for aquatic heaters and sump pumps)
First aid book for reptiles/amphibians
Linoleum
Medications and dosage instructions
Pine chips
Plain newsprint paper
Pliers and wire (necessary for repairs)
Slope or step to climb out of water
Spray bottles
Sterilized leaves, sphagnum moss, river sand, potting soil (no chemicals)
Substrates (floor coverings – arid or tropical environments)
Towels for covering cage