

PETS

Are You Ready?

Is a series of handouts designed to assist you and your family to plan ahead for emergencies.



For more information on PETS—Check out these Helpful websites:

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES
www.hsus.org



Washington County
Emergency Services/
Emergency Management
33 W. Washington St.
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2930



www.fema.gov



www.redcross.org



www.hhs.gov

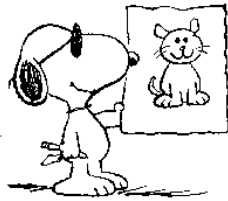


www.whitehouse.gov

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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FRIENDS TAKE CARE
OF FRIENDS.
GET THE "PET FIRST AID" BOOK
FROM YOUR LOCAL RED CROSS.

Tips for Pet Owners

Pet Owners should include provisions for their pet in a household disaster plan. Please note that pets are not allowed in shelters (only service animals are allowed in shelters). Therefore, it is important that you have a plan for your pet in the case of an evacuation.



Assemble a "Pet Survival Kit" that can be ready to go if you are evacuating your pet to a kennel or to friends or family. You should include:

- 🐾 Water, food and containers.
- 🐾 A leash/muzzle/harness.
- 🐾 A copy of all current vaccination and health records, license numbers and microchip numbers.
- 🐾 Medication for your pet (if needed).
- 🐾 A pet carrier or cage (a luggage carrier can be used to wheel the carrier around).
- 🐾 Plastic bags for pick-up.
- 🐾 Photo of your pet.



Pet Emergency Planning Tips:

- 🐾 Contact friends or relatives outside your area to see if they would be willing to accommodate you and your pets in an emergency. Also, ask a neighbor, friend or family member if they will look after your pet if you cannot return home due to a disaster.
- 🐾 Transport your pets in a carrier for the duration of the disaster. This makes pets feel safer and more secure.
- 🐾 Know your pets' hiding places so that you can easily find them in times of stress.
- 🐾 See if your veterinarian or groomer provides shelter for animals during an emergency.
- 🐾 Make sure each pet has a license and ID tag.

