

Mission Statement



At Save-A-Pet we believe it is our moral responsibility to protect and improve the lives of abused, abandoned, and homeless animals, and to place them in loving permanent homes. We provide spay and neuter services and any necessary medical care. We work diligently to educate the public, especially children, on the importance of pet sterilization and responsible pet ownership.

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Emergency Evacuation Preparedness



Remember to provide
for your pets in an
emergency!

Be Prepared! Have a Plan!

Planning in advance of a natural disaster or weather emergency is essential for your personal safety and that of all members of your household, including your pets. Pets depend on us even more when disaster strikes. Including steps that ensure their safety and well-being before, during and after a disaster should be an important component of your emergency preparedness plan.

Contingencies to accommodate your pets' safety, whether the disaster confines you to your home or compels your evacuation, must be considered. When disaster strikes a community, essential services like water and electricity may be temporarily interrupted. What steps can you take to prepare for and mitigate the effects of a disaster on such services? In many cases, evacuation centers will not accept evacuees' pets. What can you do to ensure your pets' safety during and after a disaster? Save-A-Pet created this brochure using the guidelines specified by the American Humane Association.

GENERAL TIPS

Always display pet alert decals on doors to inform rescuers that animals reside in your home. Information listed should include the type and number of pets.

Make certain to keep your pets' vaccinations up-to-date.

AT HOME

Be prepared in the event essential services such as water and electricity are lost. Consider storing at least a three day supply of water and non-perishable food for all members of the household, including pets. Keep a manual can opener handy.

Determine what room in your home provides protection and safe haven from flying glass and debris and in the event of flooding, areas that provide safe refuge from rising flood waters.

IF EVACUATION BECOMES NECESSARY

Gather any relief plans developed by your local Red Cross chapter; emergency management office; or police, fire, health, wildlife and agriculture departments so you know where to turn for specific resources,



Know and arrange in advance safe places your pets can go, whether it's a friend or family member, pet-friendly hotel, animal shelter, or boarding facility. Consider consulting your veterinarian for reliable boarding facilities equipped to accept pets in such emergencies.

Have on hand portable carriers large enough for your pets to stand and turn around in.

Keep copies of your pets vaccination records available to pack with your pets' belongings. You may choose to place these copies in water-tight food storage bags to keep them dry.

Place your contact information, including the name of an out-of-state contact on your pets' ID tags, microchip registrations, and licenses.

Prepare an emergency/travel kit of leashes, collars, extra ID tags, water, food, feeding dishes,

disposable litter pans, medications, health records and photos to prove ownership.

Prepare a first-aid kit, including your veterinarian contact information and an authorization to treat your pets.

Take advantage of this planning exercise to think about the future and consider designating a temporary, long-term or permanent caregiver for your pets in the event you no longer can do so.

Preparation for Livestock

Post emergency contact numbers at your barn or on your pasture fence.

Have sufficient transportation available for all your livestock or know where to obtain it. Train your livestock how to board the vehicles.

Create a list of neighbors within a 100-mile radius of your home who would be willing to board your livestock if you are forced to evacuate.

Form agreements with neighboring ranches and farms to help each other with disaster preparation and evacuations.

Know organizations in your area that are prepared to rescue and house displaced livestock.

Involve your family and neighbors in establishing an evacuation plan for animals in barns and outlying buildings.

Have a supply of feed at a separate location, which could be air-dropped if the animals become stranded.

Make up a kit with leads, halters, equine and bovine first aid kits, quieting hoods for easy transport and water.

Keep photos and a copy of your ownership papers or brands with you at all times in case you are separated from your livestock.

Microchip Your Pet!

Why should I micro chip my pet?

In the event of an emergency evacuation, our pets can become separated and lost from us. To ensure the safe return of your pet, consider micro chipping him or her.

A micro chip is a small rice sized non-allergenic chip that is injected through a preloaded syringe between the pet's shoulder blades. It takes only a second to inject and is virtually painless. Once implanted, it is there for the life of the pet.

If your pet becomes lost or separated from you and goes to a local veterinarian or shelter, it will be scanned with a universal scanner. Your pet's micro chip number will appear on the scanner.

All micro chip numbers for pets are registered through a comprehensive national database which includes individual vital statistics relative to each pet registered. Many animals look alike. Micro-chipping eliminates the possibility of someone else claiming your pet as their own, provides proof of ownership, facilitates the process of locating you as the proper owner and ensures you and your pet will be easily reunited.

To have your pet microchipped, contact your veterinarian or call Save-A-Pet to learn the date of our next micro chipping clinic.

