

How To Prepare for Different Emergency Situations or Evacuation Requests

1) When an evacuation order has been issued and you MUST leave your home:

- a) Listen to the public service announcements that will provide critical information.
- b) Keep your pet on a leash or in a carrier at all times. During an evacuation, strange noises and smells might scare your pet.
- d) Remain CALM. Your pet will sense if you become excited.
- e) Follow evacuation routes and go to your pre-planned required destination.

2) Emergency situations where you cannot return home to your pet:

- A) Make arrangements with a neighbor/friend who would be willing to take care of your pet in an emergency or disaster. This person should have keys to your home and be familiar with your pet and its hiding places.
- b) Post information on the main entrance of your home to alert rescue workers of the number and type(s) of animals inside. Update this information as needed.
- c) Keep your "Go Bag" and other essential items close to the door or in an easily accessible place.

3) You need to shelter in place at home: When a tornado or another emergency forces you to shelter in place in your home, you also need to be prepared.

- a) Determine in advance which room you will use as a "safe haven." These rooms should have no windows or as few as possible.
- b) Bring your "Go Bag" and other essential items for your pet into the "safe haven."
- c) Keep your pet on a leash or in a pet carrier at all times.
- d) Listen to public service announcements to get critical information regarding the disaster. Do NOT venture out until you know it is safe to do so.

4) You need to evacuate without prior notice:

- a) Remain **CALM**
- b) Bring your Go Bag and your pet with you.