

Emergency Prep Basics for Animals & People



Helpful information to prepare people and their animals for emergencies. This workbook is for anyone who has pets of any species, or other companion or emotional support animals, such as pigs, horses or donkeys, chickens, goats, and backyard livestock.



Everything needed is included to help people make Emergency Plans for their animals and themselves. The checklists and information in this guide are especially helpful for animal owners living in small spaces, camps, and communal living or temporary or transitional neighborhoods.

Info includes emergency animal help numbers, supply checklists, and tips for evacuating with your animals, as well as sheltering in place when necessary.



NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME: _____

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**ANIMAL
READY-KIT
CHECKLISTS**



**PET PREP FOR
SENIORS &
CAREGIVERS**



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Top Tips to Keep Your Animals Safe in Emergencies & Disasters

- ✓ Be personally prepared.
- ✓ Have a plan for every type of emergency.
- ✓ Pack supplies for **GO** and **STAY**.
- ✓ Sign up for all local emergency alerts.
- ✓ Know the Evac Zone for your animals and families, for anywhere you might be.
- ✓ If you can't take your animals with you -- know who to call for help.
- ✓ Create an Emergency Buddy Network.
- ✓ Create a routine to practice on Weather Watch Days.
- ✓ Practice in all weather conditions.
- ✓ Practice loading pets into carriers.
- ✓ Practice timing to get out of the house with your animal safely and quickly.
- ✓ Have multiple pet-friendly destinations, e.g. motels, AirBnBs, campgrounds, friends.
- ✓ Use Situational Awareness every day: Look Up! Look Down! Look all around!
- ✓ Be the calm leader of your pack, flock, and neighborhood.
- ✓ Microchip your pets!

Sign Up for Local Alerts Alert Info is at:

Know Your Evac Zone My Zones:

Get More Information

- **Weather Radio**
- **Local AM/FM radio, TV**
- **Official Agency posts on social media: Sheriff, Police, Fire, Emergency Services, Animal Services**
- **Apps: Watch Duty, NOAA, My Shake, Purple Air**

WHAT ARE THE STAGES OF EVACUATION?

If you receive an Evacuation alert from your local Emergency Services, you and your animals should leave immediately.

- Evacuation **WARNING** means you may be in danger and should **go as quickly as possible**. Evacuation WARNING can quickly change to an Evacuation ORDER.

Check on neighbors who may need help.

If you're not home, call a neighbor to pick up your pets.

- Evacuation **ORDER** means you are in immediate danger: **Go NOW!** If you're not able to move your animals, call the Animal Hotline as soon as you are safe.

WHAT IF YOU CANNOT EVACUATE YOUR ANIMALS?

- Don't spend precious minutes searching for your pets, or trying to catch your large animals.
- Leave as much water for your animals as possible, and an escape route for pets that might be in the house.
- Stay calm and get yourself to safety. Then, call Animal Services or the the Animal Disaster Helpline.
- Be ready to give calm, clear answers, about your address, animal descriptions, and other information the call-taker will ask you for.

HOW TO REQUEST HELP FOR YOUR ANIMALS

In an everyday EMERGENCY,
call local Animal Services, Shelter, or 9-1-1.
Use information provided in Emergency Alerts

Animal Control: _____

CART/Animal Evac Team: _____

Emergency Animal Shelter: _____

PET ID & REUNIFICATION

If you and your pet are separated, good ID, photos, and records will help you reconnect faster and more safely.

Microchipping is the BEST way to help you and your pets reconnect. Report your missing pet to local animal services and/or Helpline.

Post missing pet info on agency, social media, and local neighborhood social media.

- ✓ Have multiple forms of identification and keep them updated!
- ✓ Collar or harness with pet name and your contact information.
- ✓ Microchip.
- ✓ Vet records & emergency contacts.
- ✓ Personal emergency contacts.
- ✓ Photos of you and your pets.
- ✓ Advance Medical Directive for your pets: What to do and approved expenses.
- ✓ Post a whiteboard or other signage listing all animals and their locations.



EQUINE & LIVESTOCK ID

MULTIPLE FORMS OF ID ARE GOOD!!

- ✓ Micro-chip! Keep updated!
- ✓ ManeStay ID tags, halter wraps
- ✓ Livestock ear tags & markers
- ✓ Livestock crayons and paint
- ✓ ID Tags & Markers
- ✓ Reflective neck and fetlock bands
- ✓ Giant markers
- ✓ Duct Tape (Reflective or Neon)
- ✓ Registration, Vet Records
- ✓ Emergency Contacts
- ✓ Medical Directives: What to do, Amount of expense approved
- ✓ White Board listing all animals & locations
- ✓ Photos of you with your pets and equines



Pet Carrier, Crate, and Car Safety

- ✓ Cats, small dogs, birds, reptiles and pocket pets should be secured in appropriate carriers or cages.
- ✓ Make sure carriers are secure. Check clips and bolts and add zipties where possible.
- ✓ Make sure pets cannot jump out of car windows or doors.
- ✓ Crates should be large enough for animals to stand up, lay down, and turn around.
- ✓ Covering pet carrier or crate will help them feel calmer and safer.
- ✓ Keep pets cool: ice packs, cooling pad, water spritz.
- ✓ Put your name, number, and address or your facility's name on the carrier.





Ready-Kit Checklists for Cats, Dogs, & Other Pets



For a checklist for **YOUR** pet species, go to HALTERproject.org/checklists

Documents

- Copy of your Emergency Plan, vet records, Advance Directive, Animal ID info, photos.
- Pet insurance.

Basics

Refresh supplies twice a year.

- **Water, food, meds, enough for:**
 - * **GO: 7-14 Days**
 - * **STAY: Min. of 1 mo**
 - * **Parasite Control + 1 extra dose per animal.**
- Use zip-lock bags for dry food.
- Pack small cans of wet food.
- Emergency water packets.
- Travel bowls, spoon, can opener, lid.
- Extra reflective collar, harness, leash and ID tags.
- Headlamp or flashlight with red mode.



Meds & First Aid

- Current prescription & dosage information.
- First Aid kit with tick remover, Bleed-Stop or styptic pencil.
- Packets of Manuka Honey or antibiotic silver-honey dressing.
- Bandages
- Paw ointment, Vaseline, Aquaphor.

Grooming & Hygiene

- Brushes and combs
- Saline solution
- Wipes for eyes, noses, ears
- Pee pads, Poop bags
- Disposable litter pan & litter
- Pet-safe disinfectant
- Unscented baby wipes
- Sanitizer
- Disposable gloves
- Trash bags
- Anti-Bacterial soap

Comfort & Calm

- Fun stuff, toys, treats
- Bedding, blanket, sheet or towel for privacy.
- Cooling pads, ice packs
- Calming aids
- Thunder Shirt
- Large pillow case: good way to transfer cats, birds, reptiles, pocket pets into carriers.



A note about MUZZLES:

You may need to use one if your dog is not in a carrier and you are riding on public transportation or inside a human evac shelter.





Pet Evac Prep Checklist

When to **PREP** and When to **GO**



The time to **PREP** for possible evacuation or sheltering-in-place is when there's a **Weather Watch** or **Warning**.



These are the times to **practice your plan** with pets, family, neighbors, and your pet buddy network of helpers and destinations.



BONUS: If you're prepared for a **natural disaster**, you'll be ready in case of **personal emergencies**, too!



PREP for **PETS & PEOPLE**

- Check all Go-Bags, Refresh if needed.
- Pack enough for 5-7 days, minimum.
- Practice with pets.
- Cash, eyeglasses, meds, chargers.
- Put all important personal & pet docs with Go-Bags.
- Put bags where you can pick them up quickly.
- Fuel your car.

PREP for **PETS**

- ID tags on all pets.
- Check in with your pet buddy network.
- Practice using harness, loading carrier, securing in car.
- Practice with others.

On **RED FLAG** or **FLOOD WARNING DAYS**

This is the time to review your plan, confirm your destination, and **GO**, or be 100% **READY to GO**.

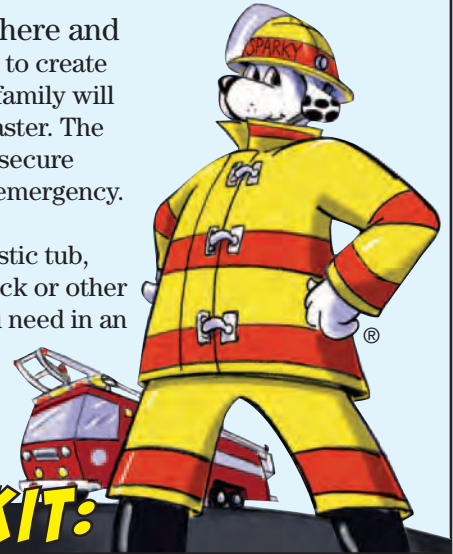
- Keep your phone charged & on.
- Listen to radio & TV weather forecasts.
- Load Go-Bags into car.
- Keep meds, etc. cool and ready to go.
- Confine pets in a safe, secure place.
- Don't leave dogs tied outside.
- Leave extra water for outside cats.
- Confirm neighbor or Evac Buddy is ready to get your pet, if needed.
- Confirm that you have a place to go with your pets.
- Confirm that you have helpers and transportation.
- Check manual garage opener or park outside facing exit route.
- Plan to leave during daylight, if possible.



GET READY!

Disasters can happen anywhere and at any time. By taking the time to create an emergency supplies kit, your family will be prepared in the event of a disaster. The kit also helps children feel more secure knowing it is there in case of an emergency.

The supplies can be kept in a plastic tub, small suitcase, trash can, backpack or other container. To learn what else you need in an emergency supplies kit, go to www.ready.gov.



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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT:

- ☐ Water – one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation — store 3-day supply
- ☐ Ready-to-eat food, canned juices, comfort/stress foods — at least a 3-day supply
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and a NOAA weather radio, and extra batteries for both
- ☐ Flashlights and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Non-prescription drugs such as pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, laxative
- ☐ Prescription medications, contact lenses and supplies, denture needs
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- ☐ Water and pet food if you have pets
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Dust mask or cotton t-shirt to filter the air
- ☐ Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener for food
- ☐ Aluminum foil
- ☐ A jacket or coat, hat and gloves
- ☐ A complete change of clothing including long pants, long sleeve shirt, and sturdy shoes stored in a waterproof container.
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- ☐ Cash or traveler's checks, change
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Tent
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Signal flare
- ☐ Paper, pencil
- ☐ Personal hygiene items
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. Remember to include emergency contact numbers.
- ☐ Passport, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies
- ☐ Books, games puzzles, portable music device

NOTE: Replace food every six months. Re-think your kit and family needs once a year. Replace batteries and update clothes, etc.

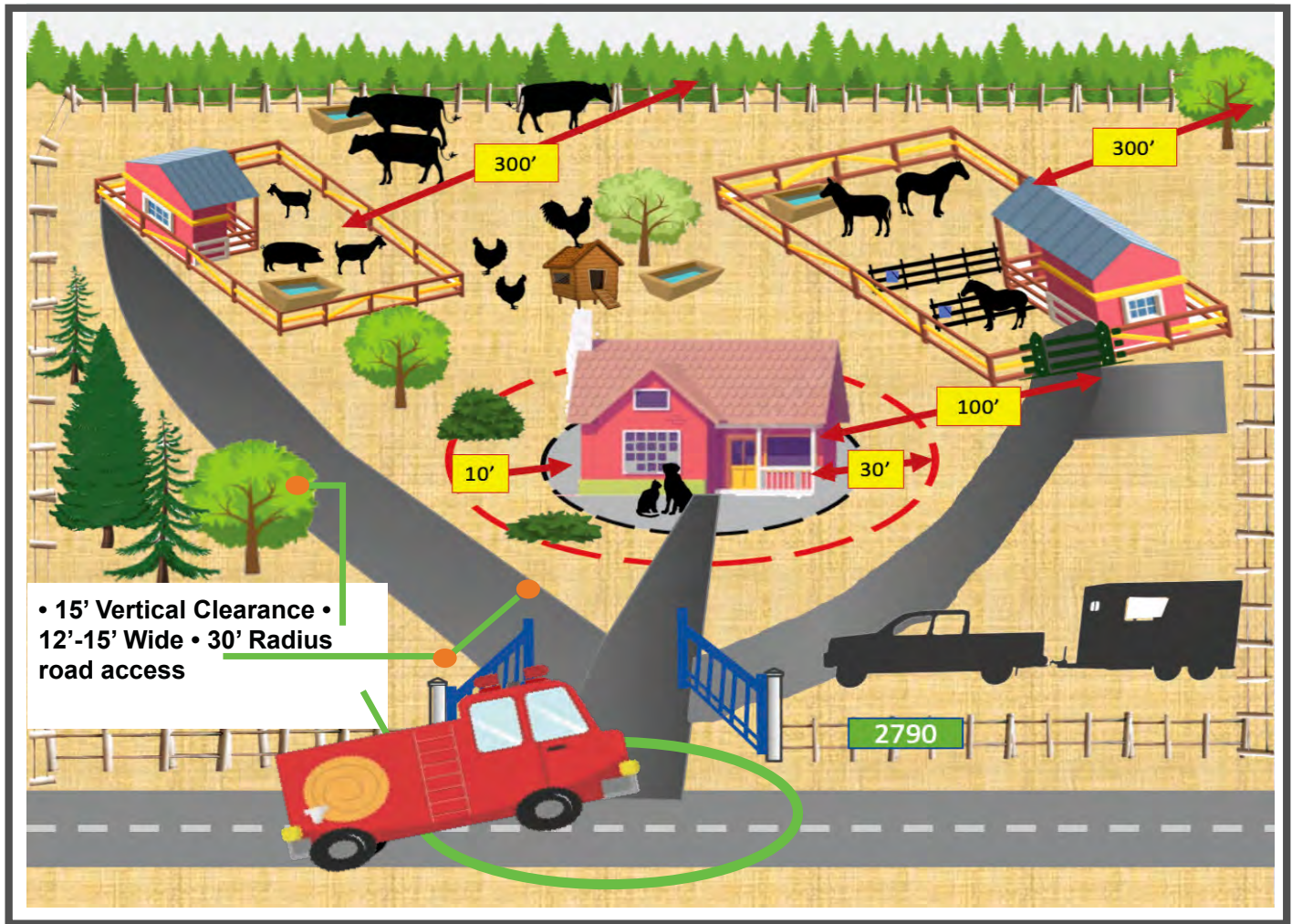
My Personal Pack Checklist

Have children create their personal pack. Have them include things like their favorite book or stuffed animal. These familiar things will help keep them comfortable during an emergency.

- ✓ Change of clothes
- ✓ Blanket
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Favorite toy
- ✓ Paper, pencils and crayons



SAFER HOMES FOR PEOPLE & ANIMALS



Around Your Home

- ✓ Keep area clear of anything flammable 5' around home.
- ✓ Keep gutters & drains clear of leaves, pine needles & grass.
- ✓ Keep pets, bedding, and toys away from heaters, stoves & campfires.
- ✓ Remove flammable doormats, furniture, cushions, umbrellas, etc. on Fire Weather days.
- ✓ Maintain safe property access for Emergency vehicles.

House, Barn & Pastures

- ✓ Keep your property CLEAN & safer for firefighters to defend.
- ✓ Keep your animals as far as possible from brush & forest.
- ✓ Store hay & feed as far from animal and human housing as possible.
- ✓ Maintain safe access and clearance for emergency vehicles.
- ✓ Put reflective address signs where clearly visible.

ANIMAL EMERGENCY PLAN

For Owners, Caregivers, and Animal Sitters

**Attach current
vaccination & vet
records to this plan.**

- * Keep a copy with your important records.
- * Put a copy where helpers and responders can see it.
- * Give copies to animal caregivers.
- * Keep a copy electronically.

Pet's Name: _____

Pet's Description: _____

Medical Information

Veterinarian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Pet Allergies: _____

Special Diet Needs: _____

Medication: _____ Dose: _____

Medication: _____ Dose: _____

****Attach copies of pet's vaccination records and a photo of your pet to this plan****

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

EMERGENCY SHELTERING INFORMATION

For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Identify 2 hotels/motels that accept pets in your area for short-term emergencies and 2 long-term pet boarding options. Long-term options could include boarding kennels, veterinarians, and animal shelters.

Hotels/Motels:

Name: _____ Rate: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Rate: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Boarding Options:

Name: _____ Rate: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Rate: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Update your Animal Disaster Plan, Ready Kit, and emergency supplies twice a year.



Family Communication Plan

Emergencies can happen at any time. Does your family know how to get in touch with each other if you are not all together?

Before an emergency happens, have a family discussion to determine who would be your out-of-state point of contact, and where you would meet away from your home — both in the neighborhood and within your town.

*Let them know
you're OK!*

Pick the same person for each family member to contact. It might be easier to reach someone who's out of town.

Important Information

Fill in this information and keep a copy in a safe place, such as your purse or briefcase, your car, your office, and your disaster kit. Be sure to look it over every year and keep it up to date.

Out-of-Town Contact

Name: _____
Home: _____
Cell: _____
Email: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place:

Regional Meeting Place:

Work Information

Workplace: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____

Workplace: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____

School Information

School: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____

School: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____

School: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____



Pet Description & Care Information

For boarding, shelter, caregivers



PET INFORMATION

Pet Name _____

Breed _____ Color _____

Gender _____ Weight _____ Microchip # _____

OWNER INFORMATION

Your name _____

Your address _____

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

Alternate phone # 1 _____ Alternate phone # 2 _____

FOOD AND MEDICATIONS

Type of food _____ ☐Wet ☐Dry Amount _____ Frequency _____

Name of medication _____ Instructions _____

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MEDICAL INFORMATION

Veterinarian name _____ Veterinarian phone # _____

Date of last rabies vaccine _____ Rabies certificate # _____

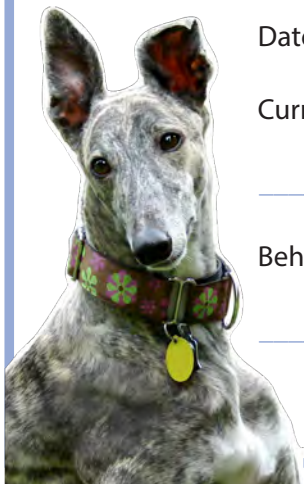
Date of last bordetella vaccine _____ Date of last distemper/parvo vaccine _____

Date of last Heartworm test and result (dogs) _____

Date of last FeLV/FIV test and result (cats) _____

Current medical conditions _____

Behavior concerns _____





Advance Health and Final Care for Pets

In the event of my death, or incapacity to act,
I want the following plan for the care and safety
of my pet(s) to be implemented.

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Pet's Name	Species	Age	Gender
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I would like my pet(s) to be:

☐ Placed in an appropriate home by this rescue organization:

- ☐ A copy of this document is on file with this organization.

☐ Surrendered to the SPCA, local humane society, or pet rescue organization

☐ A copy of this document is on file with this organization.

☐ Euthanized, cremated, buried/remains disposed of with me, as mine.

☐ Placed with family or friends, as listed below.

☐ Each person named has a copy of this document.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship
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Veterinarian Information

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ A copy of this document, and my pet(s) records are on file with my veterinarian.

Pet Owner Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**ANIMALS MAY BE INSIDE THE HOUSE,
BARN, OR COOP**

ANIMAL
CONTROL

Phone #: _____

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_____ of DOGS

Names: _____

_____ of CATS

Names: _____



BARN/OUTSIDE -- CATS, DOGS



of Cats _____

of Dogs _____

of Other _____

LIVESTOCK / POULTRY -- SPECIES & LOCATIONS





OWNER: _____ CELL: _____

ADDRESS _____

EMERG. CONTACT: _____ CELL: _____

**PET(S) INSIDE
DO NOT
OPEN DOOR**

PET(S) NAME(S) & INFO:
