Pet Preparedness

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NATURE AND LIFE HAVE FURY DAYS!
Emergencies & Disasters

- Earthquakes
- Landslides
- Floods
- Snow
- Wind
- Heat
- Cold

- Fire
- Volcano
- Tsunami
- Hazardous Materials
- Terrorists
- Etc...
WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?

Especially when the Red Cross shelters don’t allow pets...
SHORT TERM EVACUATIONS

Many times these events turn into longer term events!
Don’t Wait to Plan!

• Type of emergency
• Your location
• Type of pet
Prepare a Disaster Response Plan

• Written plan shared with family and neighbors
• Kits – handout
• Shelter – Water - Food
What if you’re not at home?

- Stickers
- Records
  - Microchip numbers
  - Pets’ Clinic
- Neighbors
Emergency Contacts

- Handout

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Evacuation Order is Issued

• Animal behaviors can change
• Bring pets inside
• Attach identification (microchips encouraged)
• Individual carriers for each pet
• Implement evacuation plan
After the Disaster

• Survey your environment for dangers (Broken glass, etc.)
• Release pets inside to adapt
• Slowly increase food if they have been without
• Contact Animal Control and shelters daily if pets were lost
• Post waterproof lost animal notices