

Never, ever chain a dog. Unfortunately, there are dog owners who believe that their dogs must be kept outside on a chain. During a natural disaster, a chained pet will have a harder time surviving. Chaining a dog is against the law and cruel. If you own other pets who live in cages, be prepared to safely and easily evacuate them in case of an emergency. Plan ahead so you won't leave anyone behind!



If disaster hits before you get home, be ready to look for your pet. Have a premade Lost Pet flyer with detailed description of any unique markings on your lost pet, even the color of the collar can help identify your lost pet.

Make sure your pet is always wearing a collar with a nametag and has a microchip tag. Have your microchip membership active and up to date. If your pet is found and has a microchip, you will be contacted. It is **crucial** you have the correct phone number and email address registered under the microchip. Also, lost pet flyers can be shared to shelters in your area through your microchip account. Awesome!

Basic Pet Emergency Supplies Checklist

- Food
(enough for 2 weeks, rotate every 2 months)
- Bottled Water
(enough for 2 weeks, rotate every 2 months, store in a cool place)
- Collapsible Bowls
- Pet Bed and Blanket
- Familiar Toys
- An Extra Collar with Nametag, Harness, Reflective Leash, and Muzzle
- Waste Bags for Dogs
- Cat Litter and Litter Box
(a baking sheet will work as a litter box)
- Current Photo of Pet(s)
- Crate or Sturdy Carrier
- **Pet First Aid Kit****
- Medications** if taking any
- Hydrogen Peroxide (3%)
- Copy of Medical Records**
(including vaccines, microchip ID, spay/neuter certificate)
- Copy of dog License**

Store your EVAC-PACK close to an exit.

When taking pets to a shelter, you are 100% responsible for taking care of your pets' needs.



Pet Disaster Preparedness



Veterinary Clinics

72120 Pet Land Place
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
760.343.3477

42150 Jackson Street
Suite B106
Indio, CA 92203
760.343.3477

No-Kill Animal Shelter/Adoption Center

72307 Ramon Road
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
760.601.3918

www.animalsamaritans.org

Be in command and in control of the situation.

Of course, natural disasters do not come with a warning. It is important to **plan ahead** to save valuable time during an emergency.

Start at home. Plan with your family members what to do and where to go in case of an emergency. Do not forget to add the pets to your plan. Decide which family member is responsible for which pet. Put together or purchase an emergency backpack/kit (**EVAC-PACK**) for each person and pet.

It is also recommended you fill out a *Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness* survey and have one in each **EVAC-PACK** as well as inside your house for a rescue team to see. If time permits, write "All Safe" on the sheet, if everyone in your home evacuated safely. This way the rescue team will know to move on to the next house. You can search online for a survey.

Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Survey			
<small>Information is to be used by the neighborhood to assist residents in case of a disaster. The information is confidential and will be used exclusively for emergency purposes.</small>			
Household Address: _____			
Name: _____			
Phone: Home: _____	Cell: _____		
(In Case of Emergency/ICE Contact) Name: _____			
(ICE Phone Number): _____			
Household Information: Number of: Adults _____ Children _____			
Please circle one:			
a. Homeowner – Full time resident			
b. Homeowner – Seasonal resident			
c. Renter			
d. House is Vacant: (Period of Time _____)			
Local Contact for Seasonal Resident: _____ Tele: _____			
Does anyone in the residence have a severe functional limitation: (Name: _____)			
Severe Limitation (Check):			
Heart Problem: _____	Blind _____	Mobility _____	Moderate Limitation (Check):
Cancer _____	Hearing _____	Age _____	Other (List) _____
Dialysis _____	Arthritis _____	Hypertension _____	
Diabetes 1 _____	Diabetes 2 _____	Physician Contact: _____	
Diabetes Ins _____	Weight _____	Telephone: _____	
Pets: Yes _____ No _____ (Where are records Located _____)			
Veterinarian:			
A. # Dogs: _____ Type/Names: _____			
B. # Cats: _____ Type/Names: _____			
C. Other: _____ Type/Names: _____			
Do you have a specific household emergency plan? Y _____ N _____			
Do you have a First Aid Kit? Y _____ N _____			
Do you have water and food to last 10days/two weeks Y _____ N _____			
Do your immediate neighbors have safety information concerning you and your family? Y _____ N _____			
RETAIN A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR EMERGENCY-PREPAREDNESS KIT			



Pets are family too!

Know where to go. Animal Shelters are often at their capacity and might not have room to help their community during a disaster. However, it is recommended to have a printed list of **animal shelters**, **pet friendly hotels**, and **boarding facilities** near you. Add to the list **friends** and **relatives** who will house you and your pets for a couple of days.

A yearly veterinary visit can help as well. Make sure your pets are up to date with all **vaccines** and definitely **microchip** your cats and dogs. Shelters will not allow your pets to stay if you do not provide **vaccine records** or if a vaccine has expired. Regarding pet crates and carriers, make sure to have your own to transport your pets into shelters and vet clinics.

Keep a copy of vaccine records inside your pets' **EVAC-PACK** as well as two pictures and tape. Tape the pictures to the crate/carrier if you are asked to leave your pets at a shelter. Write your pet's name, microchip number, and your cell phone number on the back of the picture. The second picture is your copy which might come in handy when picking up your pets.

Learn Pet First Aid & CPR

Take a **First Aid & CPR class for cats and dogs**. With the training, you will obtain a sense of normal vs abnormal which is a critical step towards saving a life. You will learn how to check the ABC's of your pet which are airway, breathing, and chocking. This class will also teach you techniques such as bandaging and correct CPR. You can learn for free online, or pay to be certified for 2yrs. Being certified will allow you to perform First Aid and CPR on pets with confidence.



What if you are the one in an accident? A life saver tip is to have an *In Case of Emergency (ICE)* number in your cell phone and inside your wallet. If you are found unconscious, rescuers might be able to call your *ICE* contact. This must be someone you trust to go inside your house to take care of your pets while you are absent.

