DISASTER PET PREPAREDNESS
for SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Know when to go!

Know what various types of alerts mean, and, the “Stages of Evacuation”.

Don’t wait to evacuate: Do not wait for a Mandatory Evacuation ORDER, but be aware that sometimes, there might not be any advance warning or alert. Pay attention to weather conditions and all Emergency Alerts.

Learn how to get help evacuating your pets, and, how to request care for pets at home inside an Evac Zone.

The time to prepare is now. Be ready for emergencies year-round. Prepping and practicing will help you be calmer and able to focus, which will help you keep you and your pets safer.

Top Tips

- Practice! Make it fun (and tasty) for your pet to hop into a carrier or walk on a harness.
- Practice loading pets in the car, holding carrier if you use a cane or walker. Can you do it safely, without help?
- Make a plan with neighbors and friends to help you and your pets.
- Have multiple pet-friendly destination options.
- Microchip your pets & update chip registration.
WHAT ARE THE STAGES OF EVACUATION?

If you receive an alert from Police, Sheriff, or SoCo Alert:

• **Evacuation WARNING means Go ASAP.**
  If you’re not home, call a neighbor to pick up your pets.

• **Evacuation ORDER means Go NOW!**
  If you’re not able to move your pets, call the Animal Hotline as soon as you are safe.

**WHAT IF YOU CAN’T EVACUATE YOUR PETS?**

- Don’t spend precious minutes searching for your pet or trying to lure him out of hiding. If you can’t evacuate your pets for any reason, stay calm, breathe, and get yourself to safety.

- Then, call the Animal Disaster Helpline or Call 2-1-1.
- Be ready to give calm, clear answers about your address, pet descriptions, and other info the call-taker will ask you for.

WHO HELPS THE ANIMALS?

- Trained, authorized Animal Responders will check on your pets, care for them, evacuate them if needed, and provide veterinary care if needed.

- Responders will be in touch with you with updates.

**WHO TO CALL?**

**ANIMAL HELPLINES: (Active only during disasters)**

- Sonoma CART - 707-861-0699
- Sonoma County Animal Services - 707-565-7100
- Call 2-1-1
HOW TO PREP?
Get Evac Ready on Red Flag or other Weather Alert days!

- Keep pets indoors, go for walks using leash or harness.
- Have all your Go-Bags and documents near the door.
- Don’t forget your pet: Before you leave, STOP, BREATHE, REVIEW YOUR CHECKLIST, look around. Pets are often left waiting in their carriers.
- When you’re preparing to evacuate, (or go on vacation, or to the vet!), put pets in a secure, quiet place, (bathroom, laundry room, etc.), where they can be caught easily and can’t escape during your prep.
- If your pet is traveling in a carrier, put her/him in a carrier with water and place by the front door. Cover with a sheet to help her feel calmer.
- Have collars and harnesses on.
- Put nervous or timid pets in their carrier with water, and cover with a sheet or towel while you prepare to go.
- Give toys or treats to distract them.
- Give pets calming meds, if your vet has advised this.
- Make sure all animals have visible ID.
- Fill your vehicle’s gas tank and park outside your garage, facing the street.
- Post a sign in a window with information about animals still at home.
- Leave a key.

WHAT TO PACK?

- Your Pet Evacuation Ready-Kit should have enough water for at least 36 hours, and food and medications for at least 5-7 days.

- Your home Pet Emergency Supplies should include enough food, water, medications and other critical supplies for everyone for at least 2 weeks.
ANIMAL SHELTER-IN-PLACE (SIP) TIPS

If you must leave pets at home, and you have time to do these things SAFELY:

• Leave extra bowls of water and dry food.
• Hide a key
• Close doors and windows, leave some windows unlocked.
• Water around the walls of your house for a few minutes.
• Leave toilet lid up (only if you do not use automatic bowl cleaners!)
• Leave pet food and meds where responders can find them but animals cannot get into them. Tip: The dryer is a great place, or under a BBQ lid.
• Never leave pets tied up.
• When you are safe, call the animal disaster helpline to request care for pets at home inside an Evac Zone.

WHAT OTHER EMERGENCIES SHOULD I PLAN FOR?

• Extended power outages: You’ll need to keep yourself and your pet cool and comfortable.
• “Boil Water” Alerts: This applies to pets as well as humans. Have bottled water, unscented bleach and/or water purification tablets in your emergency supplies. (If you have no gas or electricity, you can’t boil water).
• Earthquake: It might take many hours, or even a few days, for roads to open, and much longer for water & power to be restored. Be prepared to be self-sufficient and able to care for your pet.
• If you’re unable to care for your pet: Have an Advance Care Directive, and if possible, a caregiver or adopter for your pet.
HELP RESPONDERS HELP YOUR ANIMALS

Under a Mandatory Evacuation Order, you can request help to evacuate, or care for, animals sheltered in place. These services are provided by authorized responders and veterinarians cooperating with Emergency Services.

WHO TO CALL
- Disaster Animal Helpline #s
- Call 2-1-1 (Interpreters available)
- Keep your animal emergency contacts in a notebook, on your phone, and with important documents

WHAT TO SAY
- Accurate details and descriptions of your home, location, and animals

WHERE TO GET INFO
- Emergency Alerts
- Local AM/FM radio, local TV
- NOAA Radio
- Official Agency posts on Social Media; Sheriff, Police, Fire, Emergency Services, Animal Services

WHERE TO PUT "PETS AT HOME" SIGNS AND STICKERS
- Put in several locations to help Animal Responders find your animals.
- For outdoor locations, put in a baggie, a page protector, or laminate.
- Tape sign on a door or in a front window.
A FEW MORE IMPORTANT TIPS

• REMEMBER — Everything that makes your home FireSAFE makes it safer for your pets, too!

• If you are calm, your pets will feel calmer, too.

• Your “personal resource network” is your strongest safety net. Reach out to find helpers, practice, and keep your emergency contacts where you can always find them.

Planning and preparedness for every scenario will give you greater peace of mind, and is your pet’s best protection.

HAVE YOUR OWN “READY TO GO” ITEMS HANDY

✓ Water, snacks
✓ Sturdy, closed walking shoes
✓ Long pants & layered tops
✓ Cash, glasses, medications, hearing aid
✓ Wipes, masks, sanitizer
✓ Phone & charger, laptop, tablet & cables
✓ Walker, cane. Scooter should be in your car
✓ Important documents

NOTES
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 all updated!
✔ Collar or harness with pet name and your contact info
✔ Microchip
✔ Vet records, registrations
✔ Personal & emergency contacts
✔ Photos of you with your pets
✔ Advanced Medical Directive for your pets: What to do and approved expenses
✔ Post a whiteboard or other signage listing all animals and locations

Pet Ready Kit & Emergency Supplies

Ready-Kits should be easy to grab and go. Keep supplies where they are safe and accessible in an extended emergency.

✔ Refresh food & medications regularly
✔ WATER, FOOD, MEDS:
  * 5-7 Days if evacuating
  * SIP: Minimum of 14 days
✔ Pet carrier & folding wire cage
✔ Vet records, prescriptions and dosage
✔ Emergency contacts / Pet insurance info
✔ Reflective collar, harness, leash
✔ First aid kit, grooming supplies, wipes
✔ Travel bowls, can opener, fork, plastic lid
✔ Cooling pads, ice packs
✔ Kennel pads, poop bags, diapers
✔ Disposable litter pans & litter
✔ Pet-safe disinfectant & cleaning supplies
✔ Sheets & towels for pet privacy & bedding
✔ Calming aids, Thunder Shirts
✔ Treats & toys
✔ Large pillow case (Makes good temporary carrier for cats, birds, reptiles)
✔ Flashlight, charger, radio, batteries
✔ Water purification tablets
✔ Your PPE, cash, glasses, meds

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PET EMERGENCY PLAN
For Pet Owners, Care Givers, and Pet Sitters

Keep your pet Disaster Plan with your other important documents

Pet’s Name: ________________________________________________________________
Pet’s Description: ___________________________________________________________________

Medical Information

Veterinarian’s Name: _______________________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________________ Phone: ______________________________________________________________________
Pet Allergies: __________________________________________________________________
Special Diet Needs: ___________________________________________________________________

Pet’s Medications and Doses

Medication: ___________________________ Dose: ___________________________
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**Attach copies of pet’s vaccination records and a photo of your pet to this plan**

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 Pet Disaster Plan, Ready Kit, and emergency supplies once a year.
Ready Kit Know-How

Whose stuff do you need to carry? Who will you need to help? What should you wear? Think about your movements... Will you be on foot? In and out of cars? In an Emergency Shelter?

MAKE EVERY BAG COUNT!
If it’s too heavy, or bulky, or ties up your hands -- it’s NOT going to work.

- CASH
- FIRST AID
- GLOVES
- IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS
- WHISTLE
- WARM LAYERS
- HEADLAMP
- FANNY PACK

Store heavy items in your CAR KIT before you need them! Water, flashlights, batteries, snacks, sleeping bag, safety vests, gloves, boots, hygiene supplies, pet food, space blanket, tarp, tools.

If you cannot carry much on your back, have a ROLLING CARRY-ON BAG with heavier items.

INSULATED COOLER WITH ICE PACK for human and animal medicines.

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HEADLAMP
INSULATED COOLER
WITH ICE PACK
Advance Health and Final Care or 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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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.

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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 ___________