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## **Disaster Preparedness List for Cats**

### **Identification**

- Collar: w/tag or license and worn at all times (both indoor and outdoor cats)
- Microchip: as a back-up to the collar (keep contact information current)
- Current Photographs: for use on lost/missing posters (black & white and color--make sure you have a variety of angles and that any unusual markings are clearly photographed)

### **Supplies (per cat, store in a portable plastic tub)**

- Small litter pan: should fit inside the cat's carrier
- Litter: clumping is best-it's easy to clean, lasts longer and doesn't smell
- Litter disposal bin & scoop
- Food: enough for one week-minimum (include a can opener for lids w/out pop-tops)
- Water: one half gallon should be plenty for 7 days  
Bowls: for food, use one that attaches to the inside door of the carrier; for water, a rabbit-sized water bottle that attaches to the carrier door

- is best (both keep the carrier clean and dry and will give the cat more "living" space)
- Carrier: a sturdy, well-ventilated, hard plastic carrier (no soft carriers or cardboard-remember, kitty may have to live in this for a week or more!) Use a permanent marker to WRITE your name and phone number on the carrier.
  - Toys: a couple of kitty's favorites (something that can be tied to one of the inside "windows" of the carrier will give the cat something to bat at)
  - Grooming supplies: nail trimmers, flea comb and brush
  - Bedding: towels or light blankets are best

## **Miscellaneous Items**

- First Aid Kit:
  - Medications: include all meds your cat is on and instructions for dispensing
  - Rescue Remedy: a flower essence that is used in many shelters to help keep animals calm (goes in the water or can be dropped on kitty's gums)
  - Standard supplies: q-tips, Neosporin, gauze pads, eye ointment & wash (saline), an antibiotic, an antihistamine, vet wrap, a couple of 3 & 5 cc syringes (w/out needles)

for administering meds/fluids, a pair of scissors, and tweezers

- File or Manilla Envelope with the photos listed above and
  - Contact Card: write your vet's name, address, and phone number; your kennel's information; and an alternate contact (friend or family member) on this card
  - Medical History: write kitty's vaccination history, medical conditions, food preferences, etc. on a card
    - Microchip Number: write your cat's microchip number and the 800 number of the company that you're registered with on a card
    - A copy of any guardianship documents you have on file for your cat
- Leash/Harness: your cat will appreciate being able to stretch its legs (be sure kitty has been leash/harness trained before using one on him/her)
- Cleaning supplies & paper towels (just in case)

# **Disaster Preparedness List for Dogs**

## **Identification**

- Collar: with tag or license and worn at all times
  - o both indoor and outdoor dogs
- Microchip: as a back-up to the collar
  - o Be sure to keep contact information current
- Current Photographs: for use on lost/missing posters
  - o black & white and color-make sure you have a variety of angles and that any unusual markings are clearly photographed

## **Supplies (per dog, store in a portable plastic tub)**

- Sturdy leash/harness
- Poop bags & waste disposal bin
- Food: enough for one week-minimum (include a can opener for lids without pop-tops)
- Water: one half to one gallon (depends upon size of dog) should be plenty for 7 days
- Bowls: for food & water, use bowls that attach to the door of the carrier (This will keep the carrier clean and dry and give the dog more "living" space inside it)

- Carrier: a sturdy, well-ventilated, hard plastic carrier (no soft carriers-remember, your dog may have to live in this for a week or more!)
  - Use a permanent marker to WRITE your name and phone number on the carrier.
- Toys: a couple of your dog's favorites and something to chew on
- Grooming supplies: nail trimmers, flea comb and brush
- Bedding: towels or light blankets are best

## **Miscellaneous Items**

- First Aid Kit
  - Medications: should include all meds your dog is on and instructions for dispensing
  - Rescue Remedy: a flower essence that is used in many shelters to help keep animals calm (goes in your pet's water or can be dropped on his gums)
  - Standard supplies: q-tips, Neosporin, gauze pads, eye ointment & wash (saline), an antibiotic, antihistamine, vet wrap, a couple of 3 & 5 cc syringes (without needles) for administering meds/fluids, a pair of scissors, and tweezers
- File or Manila Envelope containing

- Contact Card: write your vet's name, address, and phone number; your kennel's information; and an alternate contact (friend or family member) on this card
  - Medical History: write your dog's vaccination history, medical conditions, food preferences, etc. on a card
  - Microchip Number: write your dog's microchip number and the 800 number of the company that you're registered with on a card, too
  - A copy of any guardianship documents you have on file for your dog
- Cleaning supplies & paper towels (just in case)