

## **Protecting Your Pets**

Protecting your pets - <https://www.ready.gov/animals>

When you evacuate **take your pet with you!** Call hotels ahead of time to find out which ones accept pets.

Choose a designated pet caregiver who will be responsible for picking up your pet if an evacuation is necessary when you are not at home. This caregiver should have keys to your home and know the location of your pet survival kit (see kit materials below).

If you have a [pet rescue sticker](#) on your house be sure to either remove it or write 'evacuated' across it when you evacuate.

### **Assemble a pet survival kit to bring with you including:**

- ✓ Recent photo for identification purposes
- ✓ Medications including heartworm, flea treatments, and vitamins
- ✓ Veterinary records and contact information
- ✓ Bottled water for 7 days
- ✓ Enough food for 7 days
- ✓ Can opener
- ✓ Food and water dishes
- ✓ First aid kit and other supplies
- ✓ Secure pet carrier or leash
- ✓ Liquid disinfecting dish soap
- ✓ Disposable garbage bags for clean up
- ✓ Identification tags (consider having an identification microchip implanted into your pets by your veterinarian)

### **Additional items for cats:**

- ✓ Cat litter and pan
- ✓ Pillowcase (for taking a scared cat to the vet)

### **Additional items for dogs:**

- ✓ Yard stake and long leash or rope
- ✓ Cage liner

### **Additional items for birds:**

- ✓ Blanket for cold weather
- ✓ Spray bottle for warm weather (to moisten feathers to keep cool)
- ✓ Secure travel cage
- ✓ Catch net