

# Collaborative Healthcare Urgency Group

A.R.M.E.D. TIP SHEET

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## Emergency Pet Care Plan

### 1. Have an Emergency Pet Care Plan

If you evacuate, take your pet with you. Most emergency shelters do not allow animals, so have a plan for your pet. Safe places to take your pet may include homes of friends or relatives, pet friendly hotels, pet kennels or veterinary facilities. Prepare a list of contact numbers in advance. Contact your local animal control facility for information in your area. Choose a designated care giver, such as a neighbor, friend or relative to care for your pet in the event that you are unable to do so.

Affix a Rescue Alert Sticker to the front of your residence. The sticker should include the types and number of pets in your house and veterinarian information.

Ensure that your pet wears a collar with a rabies tag at all times. Consult your veterinarian about permanent identification, such as micro chipping, or registration with a pet recovery database.

### 2. Assemble a Pet Emergency Kit Including:

Leash, harness and / or Pet carrier

1-Week supply of food and water with bowls

Medications and pet first aid kit

Copies of vaccination, medical records and a photo of you and your pet (for identification) in a waterproof container

Plastic bags, disinfectants, paper towels and for cats, a litter box

Blankets, toys and treats



### 3. During an Emergency

Keep your pets on hand at the first sign of an emergency. Don't allow your pets to roam loose following a disaster.

Call ahead to make arrangements for boarding your pet outside the danger area.

Keep your pet emergency kit close at hand.

**For more detailed information, visit the following resource web sites:**

Petswelcome.com: Listing of Hotels that Allow Pets

<http://www.petswelcome.com/>

Humane Society Disaster Preparedness

[http://www.hsus.org/hsus\\_field/hsus\\_disaster\\_center/](http://www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/)

FEMA Pet Preparedness

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/animals.shtm>

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Disaster Preparedness

<http://www.aspca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=disaster>