DON'T FORGET YOUR PET!

Make sure your family emergency plan includes **ALL** your family members.

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For more information on animals and emergencies visit **www.ontariospca.ca**

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Pets and Emergencies

Pets are members of the family. Make sure to include your pets when developing your family emergency plan. Making arrangements before an emergency will increase your pet's chances for survival and ability to cope. Assemble a pet emergency survival kit and be ready to take your pet and their kit with you in the event you have to evacuate.

Pet Emergency Survival Kit Checklist

Prepare a pet emergency survival kit and keep it with your family kit. Be sure to check the expiry date of your contents twice a year.

Recommended items for dogs and cats:

- ☐ Food, water, bowls, manual can opener and spoon
- ☐ Up-to-date ID tag
- ☐ Current photo of you and your pet
- ☐ Emergency contact list of pet friendly hotels/motels outside your area, friends, relatives and your veterinarian
- ☐ Copies of medical records/vaccinations
- ☐ Information on feeding schedule, medical and/or behavioural problems
- ☐ Medications and first aid kit
- ☐ Familiar bedding, small toy and brush
- ☐ Leash, collar or harness and muzzle (dogs)
- ☐ Litter/pan and scooper (cats) or poop n' scoop bags (dogs)
- ☐ Carrier large enough to transport and house your pet

Emergency kit supplies vary for different kinds of animals. Please contact your veterinarian or visit **www.ontariospca.ca** if you have any questions.

Pets and Evacuations

If it's too dangerous for you to stay, it's too dangerous for your pet to stay.

If safety permits, pets should not be left behind during an evacuation as they may be lost, injured or even killed as a result of the emergency. Plan ahead to ensure that you have a safe place to take your pet.

- Find out about your municipality's evacuation centre locations and related pet policies.
- Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area and check their policy on accepting pets during an emergency.
- Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they could shelter your pet(s) during an emergency.
- Include your pet in any local or family emergency drills and exercises.

If an emergency occurs when you are not at home, you can still be prepared. Set up a buddy system with your neighbour. Make arrangements that in the event of an emergency and you are not home they will take care of your pet.

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