## Disaster Planning Tips for Pet Owners





## **Pet Identification (ID):**

- Make sure ID tags are securely fastened to your pet's collar. Your pet should be microchipped and always wear a visible collar with their ID tag that includes their name, owner's name, phone number and address.
- Keep a current photo of you with your pet in case they get lost.

## **Evacuation Plan:**

- In the case of an emergency and you have to leave home, <u>always</u> take your pets with you.
- Provide a trusted friend or neighbor with a copy of a house key so they can safely evacuate your pets in the case of a disaster when no one is home.
- Most human shelters do not allow pets. So, be sure to keep a list of boarding and petfriendly places (friend, neighbor, dog walker, pet sitter, etc.) with phone numbers that could shelter animals in an emergency.
- You may only have one chance to evacuate. Own as many pets as you can take in one trip.

## **Emergency Supplies for Your Pet:**

- Keep a leash, crate or pet carrier easily accessible for each pet to safely transport and prevent unintended loss and bites during a disaster.
- Assemble and keep the following items accessible: pet first aid kit, sanitation supplies (dog poop bags, newspaper, cat litter, litter pans, pooper scoopers, wet wipes, etc.) and familiar pet items (blanket, toys, treats, etc.).
- Maintain a two-week's supply of pet food, water and pet medications.
- Keep up-to-date records in your pet's emergency kit. After an emergency or disaster, you may be required to show proof of vaccination for emergency pet sheltering.