



## PETS & ANIMALS

Do you have a plan for your pets in case of an emergency? A well-practiced emergency program will not only reduce stress but also save precious time and perhaps your animal's life.

### Planning for an Emergency

Keep your pet license current and make sure that a collar and identification tag is worn at all times. Consider having a safe, permanent microchip implanted in your pet, as this ID cannot be removed. The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control can assist with a microchip for your pet.

Develop a neighbor plan! Get to know your neighbors and their pets. Some things you can do:

- Keep an updated list of their home and working numbers (Update every six months)
- Select a neighborhood coordinator who will be ready to assist should an emergency occur when you are not home (It best this person is someone who spends much of their time at home)
- Select one or two back-up coordinators in case the primary is not available.

### Prepare a first aid kit for your pet and include:

- Large and small bandages, elastic tape
- Scissors, tweezers, Q-tips
- Antibiotic ointment, hydrogen peroxide (for cleaning deep wounds)
- Eye wash (saline) and ear cleaning solutions
- Any special medication prescribed by your veterinarian

### During an Emergency

In case of an evacuation, some animal shelters maybe established, depending on resources available. Prepare a list of back-up arrangements, such as homes of friends and family, hotels

that allow pets, boarding facilities, vet hospitals, other animal rescue organizations. It is general not recommended that you leave our pet behind.

### Pet Emergency Kit

A well prepared emergency kit kept in a safe and easily accessible place will enable you to provide immediate care for your animals in an emergency. A calm, well trained animals who is either on a leash or in a carrier will be more welcome wherever they go. Common kits materials include:

- Sturdy crate and/or carrier with blankets or towels inside
- Identification tag, collar, leash for each pet
- Food/water (7 day supply for each pet) and non-spill bowls
- Copy of your pet's current vaccination history and recent photos
- Pet first-aid book, available at local pet store or your veterinarian
- Phone numbers of your local animal shelter
- Long term confinement equipment such as cable runs and/or tie-out stakes, portable caging
- Plastic bags for cat litter disposal and dog clean-up
- Newspapers and paper towels

This information can be located and downloaded at [www.agourahillscity.org](http://www.agourahillscity.org)