



## City of Johnstown Emergency Management Agency

# Emergency Guidelines for the Pet Owner

Helpful tips to help you prepare and protect your pets in an Emergency.

- ◆ Research a safe place for your animals to go should a disaster strike.
- ◆ Prepare a list of emergency numbers and keep it handy.
- ◆ Pets with special needs such as food or medications or exotic animals (snakes, birds, and fish) should consider this in your disaster planning and possibly keeping an extra supply in case of an evacuation.
- ◆ Make plans with a dependable friend or relative that lives a considerable distance away to care for them in an emergency.
- ◆ Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to ask them about their pet policies during an emergency.
- ◆ Make arrangements with neighbors to care for your pets if you cannot get home in time to evacuate.
- ◆ Find boarding kennels inside and outside your area and what their policies are in a disaster, and what provisions would be made if an evacuation of the kennel should take place.
- ◆ Listen to Public Service announcements during a disaster that may instruct you to take your pets to a temporary Emergency Shelter.

**The following are things that you will need to do if you take your pets to an Emergency Shelter.**

1. Have a Pet Carrier ready that is large enough that the pet can stand up and turn around. Snakes can be kept in plastic containers and birds in their cages.
2. Make sure all of your pets have a well fitted collar with proper identification also include your name, phone number as well as a contact outside the affected area.

**\* REMEMBER WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE YOUR PETS WITH YOU OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO GO TO A SAFE PLACE.**

### **PLAN AHEAD, BE PREPARED**

You never know when a disaster can strike, so plan ahead and buy extra supplies for your pets when you purchase your own disaster supplies.

Also make sure your pets are up to date on their vaccinations (as most kennels and emergency shelters will require this proof) for entrance into a facility.



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### PET DISASTER TRAVEL KIT

**In case of a disaster this list should help you in preparing a kit to take with you.**

- | Copies of licenses, current vaccination records, microchip or tattoo information and current photos of all angles of pet and the pet with its owner. Keep these important documents in a resealable plastic bag within the kit.
- | Leashes, extra collar and obedience aids
- | Non-spill water and food containers
- | Pet foods, supplements or special diets
- | Any medications including motion sickness and instructions on how to give it
- | Clean, sanitized water in a non-breakable container
- | Special need items such as heat sources (lizards, snakes)
- | Newspapers, paper towels, wipes, plastic bags, can openers, disinfectants, flashlight and blankets
- | Ample food supply
- | Litter (if needed)

### **Other helpful hints:**

1. Familiarize them with riding in a vehicle
2. Practice evacuating with your pets too.
3. Know their hiding places
4. Obedience train your dog

Emergency Disaster and Evacuation Plans should also be made for horses, sheep, goats, swine and poultry.

For more animal preparedness information go to: <http://www.pasart.org/>

*Information gathered from multiple sources.*