

Emergency Planning for Animals

- Know the types of disasters that are likely to happen in your area, and then develop a plan for each one. Some disasters to consider are fire, flood, earthquakes, severe winter weather, and hazardous material spills.
- Survey your property to find the best location to confine your animals in each type of disaster. Check for alternate water sources in case power is lost and pumps are not working.
- Prepare for fires by clearing a firebreak around the barn and property lines. Keep fire-fighting tools, such as hoses, rakes, ladder, and shovels, in a special area.
- Make sure each animal has some identification such as a collar with ID tag, tattoo, microchip etc. Make sure your animal's vaccinations and medical records are up to date. Keep records of any medicines or special feeding instructions and the name of the veterinarian treating your animal.
- Familiarize your pet with a portable kennel or cage. The pet carrier should be large enough so that the pet can stand up and turn around.
- Prepare an emergency kit for each animal with the following items:
 - non-spill water and food bowls
 - newspapers and/or paper towels
 - leashes and obedience aids
 - water in clean non-breakable containers
 - dried foods
 - first aid items
 - portable radio and batteries
 - flashlight, tarps, kitty litter



For Horses:

- plastic trash barrel with lid
- water bucket
- fire resistant non nylon leads and halters
- sheet or blanket, leg wraps
- first aid items
- portable radio and batteries
- flashlight, sharp knife, wire cutters
- tarps, lime, bleach
- maintain trailers and vans, have them full of gas, and ready to move at all times
- keep a supply of dry food or hay and water on hand, enough for 2-3 days



Dare to Prepare!

For more Information, please call Office of Emergency Management at 951.413.3800