

## Disaster Preparedness for Pets

Earthquakes, floods, wildfires, hazardous material spills - disasters can strike anytime, anywhere. It is imperative that you make preparations for your family and pets in any situation. In the event of a disaster, proper preparation will pay off with safety for your family and pets.



Your pet should be wearing  
up-to-date identification all the times.

### Contact Information:

Smithfield City Offices *Dog/Cat Registration	563-6226
Smithfield City Police Department	563-8501
Animal Control Officer Frank Keepers	994-6009

Dedicated to people who love their pets  
and will go to extreme measures to ensure  
their safety and well-being in the event of a disaster.



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Animal Control

# Disaster Supply Checklist for Pets

- Medications, along with medical and vaccination records, stored in a waterproof container.
- Sturdy leash, harness, and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pet can't escape.
- Current photo and description of your pets to help others identify them in case you and your pet become separated.
- Food and potable water for at least five days for each pet, bowls, cat litter and litter box, and a manual can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian.
- Pet toys, beds, and blankets.
- Pet first aid kit including: bandages that will not stick to pet hair, scissors, antibiotic ointment, latex gloves, saline solution, gauze pads, etc.

## Plan for Pet Disaster Needs

### Prepare for Evacuation

You may not be in a flood zone or have to flee a wildfire, but even a hazardous materials incident on a nearby street may force you to evacuate. It pays to be prepared!

The single most important thing you can do for your pet is take them with you when you need to evacuate.

Pets most likely cannot survive on their own.

- ♦ Check with friends, relatives, or others outside your immediate area. Ask if they would be able to shelter you and your animals or just your animals, if necessary.
- ♦ Contact hotels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets. Make a list of animal-friendly places and keep it handy.
- ♦ Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices that might be able to shelter animals in emergencies; include 24 hour phone number.

### If You Don't Evacuate

If your family and pets must remain at home after a disaster, identify a safe area of your home where you can all stay together

- ♦ Bring your pets inside immediately.
- ♦ Have newspaper or litter boxes on hand for sanitary purposes.
- ♦ Feed the animals moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink
- ♦ Don't allow your animal to run loose. Familiar landmarks and smells might be gone, and your pet will probably be disoriented.
- ♦ For a few days, keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers inside the house. If your house is damaged, they could escape and become lost.
- ♦ Be patient with your pet after a disaster. Try to get them back to a normal routine as soon as possible.