

Pets and Crisis Flyer

Your Cheltenham Emergency Management Team is committed to serving the whole family. For many people that includes their beloved pets. Insuring their safety in a crisis situation is paramount among their concerns. Recent events have highlighted the necessity of planning before a crisis occurs. Natural and man made disasters are a fact of life. You need to prepare a plan for yourself and your animals in case of disaster. Having a plan in place and practicing that plan will help to keep you, your family and pets safe during a crisis or evacuation.

The following are ways to prepare for a crisis situation.

- Have a pet evacuation kit that includes items specific to your type of pet.
 - Small Animals (Dogs & Cats)
 - Identification Tags and/or Microchip
 - Food
 - Water
 - Cage / Carrier
 - Can opener
 - Copies of veterinary records
 - Proof of ownership
 - Photos of yourself and your family with the pet
 - Proof of purchase
 - Adoption papers
 - Emergency Contact List
 - Familiar items for the animal (toys, treats, blankets, etc.
 - First Aid Kit
 - Instructions including diet and medications
 - Muzzles
 - Food and water dishes
 - LEASH AND COLLOR/HARNESS (one for each pet)
 - Stakes
 - and tie-outs
 - Birds
 - Identification
 - Small, secure, covered carriers to avoid injury
 - Fresh food and water

- Dietary supplements
 - Materials to line the bottom of the cage
 - Cage perch
 - Toy
 - Veterinary Records
- Reptiles
 - Identification
 - Pillow case, cloth sack or small transport carrier (escape proof)
 - Food
 - Essential dietary supplements
 - Water bowl for soaking
 - Appropriate handling gloves / supplies
- Amphibians
 - Watertight plastic bags or plastic containers w/small ventilation holes
- Other Small Animals (Ferrets, Hamsters, Gerbils, etc.)
 - Secured covered carrier or cage
 - Necessary dietary supplements
 - Appropriate exercise equipment

Prepare for Pet Relocation

- Contact your Veterinarian for a list of preferred boarding kennels and facilities
- Identify hotels and motels inside and outside your immediate location that accept pets.
- Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they are willing to house your pet.

KEEP IDENTIFICATION AND VACCINATION TAGS AND RECORDS UP TO DATE

Frequently check Channel 42 and <http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org/> for updated information.

Web Sites for further information

American Veterinary Medical
Association
www.avma.org/disaster

American Society For The Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals
www.aspca.org

American Humane Society
www.americanhumane.org

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org