



PLANNING FOR YOUR PETS DURING AN EMERGENCY

In preparing yourself for potential disasters, it is important to remember to plan for your pets as well. If you need to seek shelter, where will they go? If you must evacuate, what items must you bring with you? Planning in advanced for how to handle these situations can better prepare you when disaster strikes.

Pet Shelters

Orange County offers pet friendly shelters in multiple locations where people can bring their pets with them. You can find information on the locations of these shelters at: www.orangecountyfl.net.

Seminole County also offers a list of pet friendly shelters and hotels which can be found at:

http://www.prepareseminole.org/prepare/pet_disaster_plan.asp.

Most other public shelters do not accept pets, so it is important to plan for where they will stay should you need to utilize one of these shelters. If you do not have friends or family who can care for them during the disaster, create a list of local veterinarians or kennels that will watch your pet.

Pet Disaster Kits

Pet Disaster Kits should be created, maintained with up-to-date information, and stored in an easy to access area. Remember to attach the phone number and address of your pet's shelter. They should be light enough to take with you if needed at a moment's notice. The following check list provides you with ideas on what to include in your kit.

Micro-chipping

Micro-chipping your pet is important in case you are separated from each other and your pet becomes lost. You can register your name and address within the chip and once the chip is scanned, the pet will be identified as yours. Micro-chipping your pet is easy, inexpensive, and can usually be done at your own veterinarian's office. The procedure normally costs between \$40-\$60 dollars and can be completed within a few hours. For more information, please contact your veterinarian's office.



Additional Information

The Department of Homeland Security has created a brochure with additional information on how to prepare yourself and your pets for emergency situations. These brochures can be picked up from the UCF Office of Emergency Management. The ASPCA offers additional information on disaster preparedness which can be found at: <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness/>.



For more information on UCF Emergency Management, please visit www.emergency.ucf.edu

Pet Boarding List

Name	Location	Notes

Pet Disaster Kit Check List

Item	Description	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Food	3 day supply in a waterproof container	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water	3 day supply, plus water for yourself	
<input type="checkbox"/> Collar and Leash	Ensure the information is correct on the collar tags	
<input type="checkbox"/> Records	Up-to-date records including shots, medications	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crates or Carriers	Ensure there is enough room for the pet to stand and turn around	
<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit / Medication	Speak to your veterinarian to determine the appropriate items	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitation	Newspapers, plastic bags, cleansers, cat litter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Familiar Items	Toys, blankets	
<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of your pet	Ensure these are up-to-date	

*Please keep in mind that you may need to make alternative arrangements for your pets if they are exotic animals. Most pet shelters only accommodate for domestic pets. Please contact your local pet shelter for additional information.

Information provided by www.ocnetpets.com



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