



WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR PET(S) IF AN EVACUATION IS RECOMMENDED?

- ✓ Plan ahead to make sure that your family, along with your pets, will have a safe place to stay.
- ✓ You need to know that, with the exception of service animals, Red Cross emergency shelters do not accept pets due to the health and safety of the shelter occupants. However, plans for pet-friendly shelters are being developed.
- ✓ Make calls to determine the availability of boarding facilities, located outside of flood zones, their boarding requirements, and a 24-hour phone number.
- ✓ Contact motels/hotels located further inland as to their acceptance of pets. Check to see if they have restrictions on the number, size, type, or any other pet requirements.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND IF YOU EVACUATE YOUR HOME.



YOUR PET'S EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

- ✓ **Proof of current vaccination records for each pet**
- ✓ **City licenses, rabies, and ID tags**
- ✓ **Properly sized and sturdy pet carriers for each pet**
- ✓ **3-5 days of food, water, and medications**
- ✓ **Pet beds and toys**
- ✓ **Litter box and extra litter**
- ✓ **Non-spill food and water bowls**
- ✓ **Dry food and feeding schedules**
- ✓ **Newspapers, paper towels, plastic bags for disposal of pet waste, cleaners/disinfectants**
- ✓ **Collars, Leashes, muzzles, harnesses**
- ✓ **Current photo and description of each pet**



Know What To Do Before an Emergency

- ✓ Call ahead to confirm emergency shelter arrangements for you and your pets.
- ✓ Make sure that your pet's emergency supplies are ready to take at a moment's notice. Don't wait until the last minute to gather supplies.
- ✓ Bring all pets into the house so you won't have to search for them if you have to leave in a hurry.

If You Shelter In-Place ("Stay Put")

- ✓ Identify a safe area in your home where everyone can all stay together, including your pets.
- ✓ Keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers. Be sure they are wearing identification tags.
- ✓ Have medications and a supply of pet food and water in watertight containers.

Know What To Do After an Emergency

- ✓ If pets cannot be found after an emergency occurs, contact the local Animal Control Office to find out where lost animals can be reclaimed. Bring along a picture of your pet if possible.
- ✓ Get your pets back into their normal routines as soon as possible. Stress can cause animals to become aggressive or defensive. If your pet seems to be having any health problems, talk to your veterinarian. Don't allow your pets to roam loose.



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Animal Management/Control Bureaus

Chesapeake: 487-2212

Norfolk: 664-7387

Peninsula: 595-1399

Portsmouth: 393-8430

Virginia Beach: 385-4444

Animals can also be affected by emergencies. Remember, if conditions are not safe for you, then they are not safe for your pets. The following information is offered for your pet's care, if an emergency situation were to occur:

- ✓ Create a list of phone numbers and addresses of veterinarians and pet boarding facilities.
- ✓ If you must evacuate your home, take your pets with you. Animals left behind can be lost or severely injured.
- ✓ Make sure that your pets' vaccinations (especially rabies) are current and that you have proof of shots and rabies tags.
- ✓ Make sure that your pets have properly fitted collars with their current license and have a sturdy leash handy for controlling your pets.
- ✓ Have a pet carrier or crate for each pet that is large enough for them to stand comfortably, turn around, and lie down.

Humane Societies

Portsmouth 397-6004

Chesapeake 490-4357

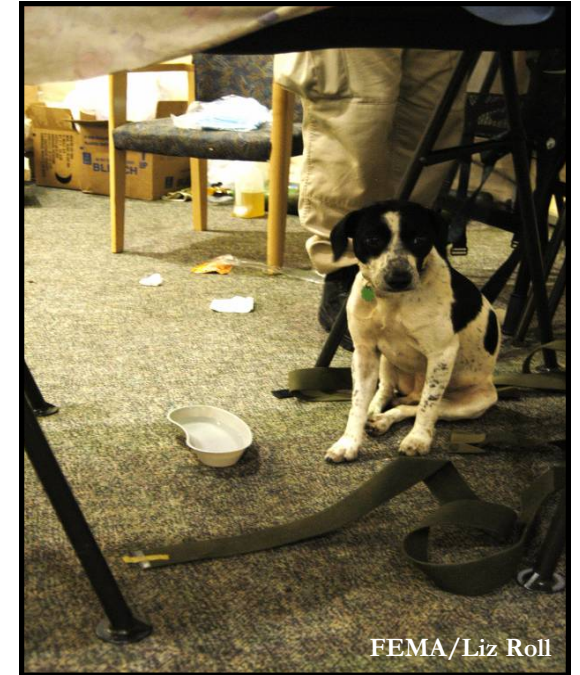
Norfolk SPCA
622-3319

Virginia Beach SPCA
www.vbspca.com
427-0070

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An Emergency Plan for Your Pet



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