

## Be Prepared to Evacuate with your Pets



#### **Food and Water:**

- A one-week supply of the food your dog or cat is accustomed to eating. Store food in an airtight, waterproof container and rotate every three months to ensure freshness. If your pet eats canned food, buy cans small enough for one feeding since you may not be able to refrigerate leftovers. Include a can opener or buy pop-top cans.
- A one-week supply of water, stored in a cool, dark location. Rotate occasionally to ensure freshness. If tap water is not suitable for humans to drink during a disaster, it is also not suitable for animals to drink.
- o Bowls for food and water. Collapsible bowls are easy to store and save space.

### **Cleaning and Sanitation:**

- Pooper scooper, plastic bags or other means of disposing of your dog's waste. Liquid soap for washing food and water bowls, paper towels and disinfectant for cleaning crates and carriers.
- A small litter box, litter, scoop, one-week supply of cat litter and plastic bags for disposing of your cat's waste.

## **Housing and Transportation:**

 A plastic airline crate or wire collapsible crate is helpful during an evacuation and afterward, especially if you will be staying in a hotel that requires pets to be confined while you are out. The crate should be large enough for your pet to lie down comfortably and allow room for a food and water dish.

#### Identification:

• Temporary identification tag that you can write your temporary location on in case your pet is separated from you. Current pictures of your pet in case he or she gets lost and you need to create posters. Pictures of you with your pet to prove ownership if you are separated.

## **Health and Safety:**

- A two-week supply of any medications your pet is taking. Medical records, including vaccination records.
- First aid kit





## BE SAFE! Don't wait to evacuate!!

## What is your plan?

 If you have to evacuate, can your pets all fit in your car?

## Yes / No

 Do you have any friends or family that can take care of your pets while you're evacuated?

## Yes / No

- Do your pets take any medication or eat a special diet? Make sure you have some with you.
- If you have exhausted all options for housing your pets while you're away from home, they can stay for free at the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter through our Safe Keep Program. The Shelter is located at 1001 Rodriguez St. in Santa Cruz.



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### **Livestock Disaster Preparedness Kit:**

- Hay
- Feed and water for three days
- Non-nylon leads and halters
- First aid items
- Wire cutters and a sharp knife
- Hoof pick
- Leg wraps
- Shovel, Water buckets and Plastic trash barrel with a lid
- Portable radio and extra batteries and Flashlights
- Have vaccination/ medical records, registration papers and photographs of your animals (proof of ownership)

#### Know where to GO:

- Do not wait until the last minute to start evacuating!
- If your property is under a mandatory evacuation order, and you need to have your horses or other livestock animals evacuated, call Santa Cruz County Animal Services: 831-454-7200 #1 or call 911 for Santa Cruz County Equine Evacuation Team.
- Have several evacuation routes in mind. If you don't have your own truck and trailer, make arrangements with local companies or neighbors before disaster strikes. Make sure your neighbor have your contact numbers (Cell phone, work, home, etc.).