

**THE OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

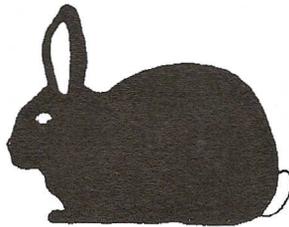
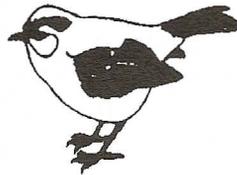
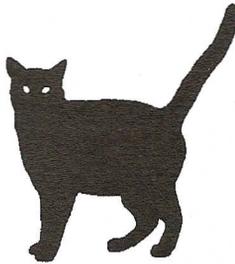
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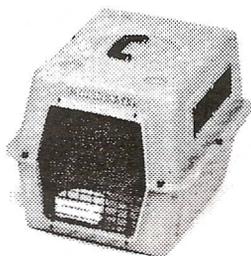
HELP IN EMERGENCIES FOR LIVESTOCK AND PETS



**ACTION GUIDELINES FOR PEOPLE
WITH HOUSEHOLD PETS**

PLAN AHEAD BEFORE AN EMERGENCY

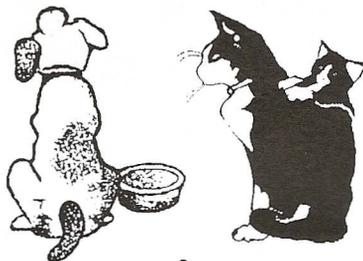
- 1. PURCHASE A CARRIER OR CRATE FOR EACH PET.** Airline-type shipping crates, which are available at most pet supply shops, are best as they are lightweight and yet strong enough to keep the pet secure. Cardboard carriers are **NOT SUITABLE**. Any carrier must be large enough for the pet to stand up and turn around.



- 2. TAKE TIME TO FAMILIARIZE YOUR PET WITH THE CARRIER.**

This could be a difficult experience. Kennel tops and bottoms can be separated to make a pet bed. This helps them to adjust to the kennel.

- 3. BE SURE YOUR PETS VACCINATIONS ARE UP-TO-DATE.** Be sure your pet wears a properly fitted collar with current ID. Proof of current rabies and distemper will be **REQUIRED**. Purchase a leash to have on hand. This will keep your pet secured by your side during the evacuation.



4. MAKE PHONE CALLS TO DETERMINE YOUR OPTIONS SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY TO EVACUATE:

a. **PETS ARE NOT USUALLY PERMITTED IN EVACUATION SHELTERS,**

but SHELTER MANAGERS will try to accommodate your pet. If you have your own transportation, you may take your pet along using a leash and cage. Alternate provisions, **WHEN AVAILABLE,**

will be offered to you and your pet if you cannot be accommodated at the shelter.



- b. **SURVEY BOARDING KENNELS** to determine which are located in safe areas. Inquire as to who stays on the premises with the animals in the event of an emergency. Ask what provisions have been made if the kennel is required to evacuate.



- c. **CHECK WITH VETERINARY CLINICS** to locate those with boarding facilities.

d. **CONSULT WITH DEPENDABLE FRIENDS OR RELATIVES** who live in a

safe place to see if they would be willing to provide temporary care for your pet. Be sure they can keep the pet indoors.



e. **CALL MOTELS**, you may wish to check with several locally, out of flood prone areas, and also motels further inland. Ask if they allow pets and, if so, are there any restrictions.



AT THE TIME OF AN EMERGENCY

1. IF YOU DO NOT EVACUATE and, instead stay in your home:

a. Buy ample quantities of DRY pet food, bottled water, and kitty litter when purchasing your other emergency supplies.

b. Insure that you have on hand any needed medications or special diets. If your pet is overly excitable or nervous by nature check with your veterinarian about possible tranquilizers. **THESE SHOULD ONLY BE GIVEN UNDER A VETERINARIAN'S DIRECTION AND ONLY IN THE RECOMMENDED DOSAGE.**



c. Bring your pet indoors well in advance of the disaster. Reassure him/her with a soothing voice and calm manner.



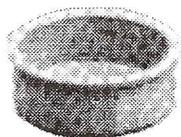
d. Once indoors keep your pet away from windows. Allow him/her the freedom to choose their own secure place, but keep track of them at all times.

- e. Have on hand plenty of newspapers, plastic bags, cleansers and disinfectants to handle pet wastes.

2. IF YOU DO EVACUATE AND LEAVE BEHIND YOUR PET (S), remember;

- a. Do not leave any pet outside or tied up during an emergency.
- b. Prepare an area for your pet to use. A bathroom, kitchen, or other tiled area is best as it can be most easily cleaned and sanitized.

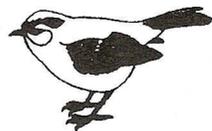
- c. Leave only dry-type foods that are relatively unpalatable to prevent overeating. Use sturdy food containers.



- d. Do not leave any treat type vitamins mineral supplements, rawhide or other items that could present an ingestion or choking hazard to the animal.



- e. Birds must eat daily to survive. Use special feed dispensers if you must leave them behind.



- f. Never confine a dog and cat in the same room, even if they are the best of friends.
- g. In case of flooding, never leave pets behind.

- h. Isolate small pets (birds, gerbils, hamsters) from dogs and cats.
- i. Water for pets should be left in sturdy containers that will not spill.
- j. **DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS** animals should be in special crates or cages to prevent them from getting loose.



3. If you plan to leave the area and take your pet with you, the following items should be prepared:

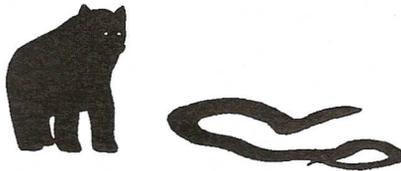
- a. License or identification and rabies tag.
- b. Steel or fiberglass crate, properly pet sized.
- c. Non-spill water and food bowls.
- d. Newspapers and/or paper towels.
- e. Leashes and obedience aids.
- f. If your pet gets motion sickness, pills may be needed. Check with your Vet.
- g. Water in sanitized non-breakable containers.
- h. Dried or packaged semi-moist foods.
- i. Special medications, or special diet foods.



AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED

**DO NOT RETURN HOME UNTIL AUTHORITIES
HAVE ISSUED AN ALL CLEAR.**

**TAKE CAUTION IN ALLOWING YOUR PET
OUTDOORS. FAMILIAR SCENTS AND
LANDMARKS MAY BE ALTERED AND
YOUR PET COULD EASILY BE CONFUSED
AND BECOME LOST. DOWNED POWER
LINES AND REPTILES BROUGHT IN
WITH HIGH WATER COULD PRESENT
REAL HAZARDS TO YOUR PET.**



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