

Top Ten Emergency Pet Planning Tips

Information Guide

1. Take your pets with you or to a safe location. Pets left behind during a disaster may be injured, lost or killed.
2. Prepare a list of boarding facilities for your pet, or ask friends and relatives who don't live in your neighborhood if they would be willing to take care of your pets in an emergency.
3. At the first sign of a disaster ask a parent or guardian to phone ahead to make arrangements for boarding your pet.
4. Don't bring your pets to an evacuation shelter as they may not be allowed in.
5. Make sure animals wear collars with ID tags at all times, and dogs should be kept on a leash.
6. Keep a pet traveling kit and emergency supplies on hand.
7. Bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm or disaster.
8. If you have more than one pet, keep them in separate carriers or on different leashes. Pets may get frightened during a disaster and may act differently than usual with other animals.
9. It is smart to keep pets in a carrier during the emergency. This makes pets feel safer and more secure.
10. Finally make a detailed plan including all of the above tips, and keep it in a handy place.

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