

## **A Message From GB Emergency Preparedness Committee**

Our pets are family! Just as you do with your family's emergency supplies, think about having a set for your pets. Gather everything you would need for your pet if you need to stay where you are. Then put together a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you need to evacuate quickly. All ideas may not apply to you; use what works for you. Talk with your Vet about their suggestions for your particular pet and situation.

**Food.** Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.

**Water.** Store a minimum of three days of water specifically for your pets in addition to water you need for your family. You can use bleach as a disinfectant (dilute nine parts water to one part bleach) or in an emergency you can purify water using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented or color safe bleaches or those with added cleaners.

**Medicines and medical records.** If your pet takes medications on a regular basis, keep an extra supply of meds in a waterproof container.

**Collar with ID tag, harness or leash.** Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and ID at all times and have backups in case of loss. Keep all pet's records in a clean, waterproof, plastic bag. Consider having them chipped, if not already.

**Crate or other pet carrier.** If you need to evacuate immediately, take your pets with you provided that it is practical to do so. If using a carrier, it should be large enough for them to stand, turn around and lie down.

**Sanitation.** Include pet litter and litter box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, household chlorine bleach for water purification.

**A picture of you and your pet together.** If you become separated from your pet, a photo of you together will document ownership. Include info about breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.

**Familiar items.** Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit. Familiar items help reduce their stress.

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