

5 Animal Disaster Preparedness Essentials

1 Identify Evacuation Locations

- Find places that can accommodate pets if you evacuate; consider pet-friendly hotels, kennels and/or loved ones
- Write down locations and store them with your disaster kit
- Practice loading your pets into carriers and your vehicle

2 Microchip Your Pets

- It is the single best way to reunite lost pets and families
- Update microchip registration when you move, change phone numbers or get a new emergency contact
- Secure a sturdy, legible ID tag on your pets' collars, too

3 Start a Buddy System

- Exchange keys with someone who can evacuate your animals if you are not home when disaster strikes
- Give your buddy your pets' information and your emergency contact information
- Make sure your buddy is comfortable handling your pets

4 Assemble a Disaster Kit

- Assemble a kit for each animal in your household
- Keep the kit near an exit so it is easy to grab in case of an emergency
- Turn this card over for tips on what to include in your disaster kit

5 Take Photos of You With Your Pet(s)

- Photos can prove ownership if you are separated from your pets
- Keep copies in your wallet and your disaster kit
- Give copies to a loved one who lives outside of your area
- Storing photos on your cell phone can also be useful

Disaster Kit Checklist

✓ **Food:**

- One Week Supply , in airtight waterproof containers
- If using canned food, include a can opener and spoon
- Rotate food every two months to avoid spoilage

✓ **Water:**

- A one week supply in airtight containers
- Avoid storing in direct sunlight
- Rotate water every two months to avoid Spoilage

✓ **First Aid/Medication:**

- Basic animal First Aid kit and book
- At least one week supply of prescription medication
- Heartworm and flea/tick preventative

✓ **Identification:**

- Photos of pets that show any distinguishing marks
- Photos of you with your pets
- Temporary "write-on" identification tag
- Proof of vaccinations (in case you must board your pet)

✓ **Animal Care Supplies:**

- Collar and leash or harness
- Crate or carrier
- Collapsible food and water bowls
- Blanket, toys and treats

✓ **Cleaning Supplies:**

- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Plastic bags or cat litter with litter tray

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Website: www.dartns.org**

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MISSION STATEMENT

Working with associated agencies during emergencies where animal care is required, DARTNS would endeavour to meet the basic needs for animals.'

PLAN AHEAD.....

FOR YOUR ANIMALS SAFETY

Keep our contact information handy in case you need the location of the temporary disaster shelter in your area.

If your group is interested in an educational presentation by one of our volunteers please contact us.



Your purchase of a Rescue Magnet will help us purchase equipment and supplies to sustain DARTNS's efforts to provide shelter assistance during fire, manmade and weather related emergencies



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PETS AND DISASTER

Why You Need To Be Prepared

Wildfires, floods and hazardous material spill disasters can strike at any time, anywhere. If you think you will never have to evacuate, you may be tragically mistaken. It is important that you make preparations to evacuate your family and your pets in any situation. There are steps that you can take to be better prepared to care for your pets in a disaster. Following are emergency tips and planning information.

Never Leave an Animal Chained It is a Certain Death Sentence

DO NOT FORGET ID

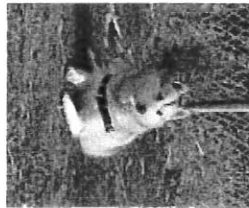
Your pets should be wearing up-to-date identification at all times. You may want to consider microchipping your pets. Include the phone number of a friend or relative outside your immediate area as your phone may not be working. Have current medical records, pet photo, leashes, medications, secure carriers and anything else you think your pets will need. Be sure to have enough food and water for each pet for three days. Check ahead of time and make a list of local hotels and boarding facilities that will accept pets in the event of a disaster.

IF YOU EVACUATE

Take Your Pets

The single most important thing is to take them with you. If it is not safe for you, it's not safe for your pets. Animals left behind can be easily injured, lost or killed. Animals left behind to fend for themselves are likely to become victims of exposure, starvation, contaminated food and/or water.

- If you leave, even for a few hours, take your animals with you. You may not be able to return for a while.



- Leave early - do not wait for a mandatory evacuation. If you wait too long you may not be able to get all your pets out safely.

IN CASE YOU ARE NOT HOME

Make arrangements well in advance with a trusted friend, neighbour or family member to take your pets and meet you at a designated location. Be sure that the person is comfortable with your pets, knows where your disaster supplies are kept, and has a key to your home.

I wish to join DARTNS and would like to be contacted as follows:

By phone at: (____) _____ - _____. Best time to reach me is ____ Day ____ Evening

By e-mail at: _____ @ _____

I wish to make a donation to DART of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$ _____

I wish to purchase an Animal Rescue car magnet at the cost of \$6.75 including shipping.

Please add me to your DART of Nova Scotia Newsletter E-Mail list:

Please include your name and address so that a tax receipt can be mailed to you