













## “Tricks of the Trade”

Here are some helpful training tips that can be done prior to any emergency situation to reduce the stress on both animal and owner:

-  Purchase a size appropriate hard plastic animal crate, and train your animal to get in and out using positive reinforcement techniques.
-  Take your animal for a car ride whenever possible! This will allow them to associate the ride as a fun thing instead of the panicked “Oh no - I’m going to the vet!” reaction we have all experienced.
-  If your animal is afraid of storms, purchase a “Sounds of Nature” CD from a retail store, and play it softly in the background while you are not home. This will slowly de-sensitize the animal to the sounds that frighten them.
-  People do not realize that an animal does react to their owner’s emotional state and anxieties. Try to avoid contact with your animal (especially when they are young) when you are afraid or angry.
-  If your animal is nervous or upset DO NOT grab at or try to hold onto your pet when they are distressed! Speak to them in a hushed, soothing voice to calm them down and let them to come to you.
-  Make sure that your animal is used to being walked on a leash! The easiest way we have found to teach this is to start with a harness and once they are walking comfortably move up to a collar. DO NOT USE CHOKE OR PRONG COLLARS!
-  SOCIALIZE YOUR PET WITH OTHER ANIMALS & PEOPLE!



## Animal Owner Essentials

-  MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN NOW! Use the information provided here to form your plan! Be PROACTIVE, not REACTIVE!
-  Involve the entire family in the planning process, this way EVERYONE knows what to do.
-  Obtain everything you need, place it in portable containers, and put it in an area of your home that allows you to “grab and go,” if required.
-  Should you have to evacuate, know where the evacuation routes are and what hotels are “pet friendly” ([www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com)). REMEMBER...IF IT’S NOT SAFE FOR YOU, IT’S NOT SAFE FOR YOUR PET!!
-  If you don’t know, ASK! That’s why Animal Control, the Humane Society and Emergency Management are here...FOR YOU!



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## Animal First Aid Kit

- Betadine
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Rubber Gloves
- Rolled Gauze
- Gauze Pads (4"x 4")
- Medical/Conform Tape
- Scissors
- Muzzle
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Saline Solution
- Splints

**Advanced planning is essential and could save the life of your pet. Your life does not need to be in jeopardy if you take the time to be prepared!**



## Emergency Pet Supply List

- Water (1 gal. per day per pet)
- Food
- Bowl
- Hard Plastic Crate
- Collar/Harness (with tags attached)
- Leash
- Cat Litter Box
- Cat Litter
- Garbage Bags
- Paper Towels
- Baby Wipes
- Bleach
- Blanket/Towel/Bedding
- Toys
- Treats
- Large Bag (to store supplies)

### Identification Card

\*Clip and attach to pet carrier\*

Animal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog  Cat  Bird  Other : \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies Shot Date: \_\_\_\_\_ City Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication & Dosage Info: \_\_\_\_\_

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Feeding Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

Temperment: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Please attach a recent photo to this and place a copy of vaccination records and all medications into a waterproof plastic bag and secure the bag to the animal's crate.\*

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