

It may be difficult, if not impossible, to find shelter for your animals in the midst of an emergency, so plan ahead. In the event of an evacuation, make arrangements for pets in advance.

Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check if they are pet friendly and accept animals. Keep a list of “pet friendly” places including phone numbers. Ask friends, relatives or others outside the affected area whether they could shelter your pets. Prepare a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency: include 24-hour phone numbers.

Assemble a portable pet emergency supply kit. Make sure you include:

- Identification collar and rabies tag.
- Carrier or cage and leash
- Any medications (be sure to check expiration dates).
- Newspapers and plastic trash bags for handling waste.
- Sufficient supply of food, water, and food bowls.
- Veterinary records (most animal shelters do not allow pets without proof of vaccination)