PREPARE WHAT IS NEEDED:

1. Microchip your pets:
Microchip identification is one of the best ways to ensure that you and your pet are reunited if you are separated. Be sure to keep the microchip registration up-to-date.

2. Keep a collar and tag on all cats and dogs:
Keep current phone numbers on your animal's identification tag. If your home is damaged during a disaster, they could easily escape.

3. Prepare an emergency kit for each animal:
Stock up on the suggested items you may need during a disaster **NOW!** Store your disaster kit supplies in an easy-to-grab container or bag as close to the exit as possible and make sure all family member or emergency contacts know where it is.

- ❒ **Carrier and leash for each animal.** Make sure to write your pets name, your name and phone number on all crates and carriers as well.
- ❒ **At minimum, a few days supply of food and water and bowl(s).** Store it in a water-tight container If you use canned food, include a can opener. If officials declare water unfit to drink, it's also unsafe for your pets.
- ❒ **Medication.** Keep a record of medications your pet needs and set a week's worth in your pet first aid kit.
- ❒ **Copies of vaccination records**
- ❒ **Photographs** of you with your pets to prove ownership or make lost flyers
- ❒ **Familiar Items. Toys, blankets, etc.**
- ❒ **Pet First Aid Kit and Guide Book**
- ❒ **Garbage bags, Soap and Disinfectant**
- ❒ **Foil Pans, Litter**
- ❒ **Flashlight**
- ❒ **Heat Lamps for Reptiles**
- ❒ **Pens, Sharpies, Tape, Duct Tape**

PLAN & STAY INFORMED:

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE!!

1. Arrange a Safe Place:
Arrange a safe haven for your pets in the event of evacuation.
They may become trapped or escape and be exposed to numerous life-threatening hazards. **Note that not all shelters accept pets, so it is imperative that you have determined where you will bring your pets ahead of time:**
Check outside your immediate area for hotels and motels that accept pets, friends or family in a nearby town or city, a boarding kennel, or a rescue that could temporarily care for your pets.

2. Place an emergency sticker on door indicating number and type of pets in home:
This easy-to-use sticker will let people know that pets are inside your home. Make sure it is visible to rescue workers (we recommend placing it on or near your front door), and that it includes the types and number of pets in your home. If you must evacuate with your pets, and if time allows, write or check off "EVACUATED" across the stickers.

3. Choose a "Trusted Buddy":
Having someone who lives outside your house as a buddy in case an emergency can be crucial. They can either have a key, or code to your home. You want to choose someone who knows your animals in case you ever need to ask them to evacuate your pets. Disasters can strike very quickly and sometimes when you are at work or away from your home. If possible, it is best to have someone who works opposite as yourself to heighten the chance someone will be able to assist in evacuating your animals.
Ensure they know where carriers are, as well as the emergency kit you have prepared. Be sure to discuss your expectations at length with a permanent caregiver, so he or she knows what is required of them for a short and long term plan.

4. Know the situation:
If you live in an area known for flooding, tornadoes, earthquakes or heavily treed/grass be prepared for the most likely emergency.

Never crate animals in basements or tie animals outside!!!
Always bring pets indoors at the first signs of the storm or extreme weather. Animals are easily frightened in storms and can become disoriented or run away.
Always pay attention and listen for weather watches and warnings and plan on where you pets should be before you leave the house. If a strong warning is in effect, contact your "buddy" and make a plan.
Taking the extra few minutes to prepare and adjust will allow your pet a greater chance of survival. Don't think it won't happen to you, or you will be able to go back. It can take months before some residents get back to homes after a disaster.

5. See if your municipality has a plan for pets in emergencies and follow local instructions:
Ask your municipality councillors if and what the plan is for animals. If they don't have one, suggest they create one or contact resources who can help. (Such as Animal Emergency Task Force)
If you must evacuate your home in an emergency prepare yourself for the worst case scenario. When recommendations for evacuation are announced please follow all local officials instructions.

Natural Disasters & Emergencies can happen at any point in time and being prepared can save lives!

If you are one of the millions of Canadians with pets: Our pets are part of our families and we want to make sure you and your pets are ready in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Being prepared to take your pet in emergency situations can make it much easier in the event of having to evacuate with your pets.

Pets should not be left behind if at all possible. If it's not safe for you, it's not safe for them!

Some types of emergencies require a brief time period away from home, and others may be a permanent evacuation. Although the reasons for evacuation vary, there are steps you can take to prepare for a multitude of situations.

Also remember to include a care plan for your animals in case of your death or illness. It is important to ensure that whomever you choose as a guardian or steward will be willing to take on the animal. It is always best to have a will and to include your animal as you would a child or property.

PREPARE TODAY!

More Resources for Preparing, Planning for Disasters and Emergencies, including info for large animal/livestock is available at: www.aetf.ca

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Twitter: @AETF.CA

Pet First Aid Kit Contents:

Here is a basic list of items to include in a Pet First Aid Kit:

- ❒ Muzzle, when dogs are in pain they tend to react by biting, this keeps everyone safe.
- ❒ Protective/ Rubber gloves
- ❒ Rubbing alcohol/ Antiseptic Wipes
- ❒ Hydrogen Peroxide (3% strength)
- ❒ Stretch bandage or vet wrap
- ❒ Pen Light
- ❒ Blanket for transport
- ❒ Cotton tipped swabs/ balls
- ❒ Adhesive Tape, Gauze squares, gauze roll
- ❒ No stick sterile wound dressing
- ❒ Antibacterial Soap
- ❒ Sterile rinse solution (saline, such as eyewash or wound flush
- ❒ Clean syringes (1cc and 5cc)
- ❒ Splinting item (tongue depressor or Popsicle stick for small pets)
- ❒ Bandage scissors
- ❒ Tweezers
- ❒ First aid ointment or cream
- ❒ Lubricating jelly or plain Vaseline
- ❒ Corn Syrup (for diabetic/ low blood sugar)
- ❒ Instant Cold packs

By having these items ready and on hand it will make evacuating much more smooth and successful for you and your pets.

Need one? Purchase one online at www.aetf.ca, get a free door sticker and support us!

ARE YOU PET READY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

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ANIMAL EMERGENCY TASK FORCE