

## PREPARE

The County of San Diego Department of Animal Services recommends that you prepare, practice, and update a disaster plan with your family, and assemble emergency supplies ahead of time. As an animal owner, you are responsible for the evacuation and sheltering of your animals in a time of a disaster, so your plan must include your animals. If you are told to evacuate, do so immediately and take your animals with you.

The following recommendations can help you prepare for a disaster and help to keep you and your animals safe.

- Develop an evacuation plan with two different evacuation routes
- Locate and prearrange an evacuation site for you and your pets outside of the immediate area. Check with friends and hotels outside of your community that would be willing to accept you and your pets. Check with boarding facilities or veterinary clinics for housing your pets
- Make sure your pets are trained to enter a crate or cage and are comfortable

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

General Information: 619.767.2675

24-Hour Emergency Only:  
619.236.2341

View our website at [www.sddac.com](http://www.sddac.com) for information on other services and programs

### County Animal Shelters

5821 Sweetwater Road, Bonita, CA 91902  
2481 Palomar Airport Rd., Carlsbad, CA 92011

### Shelter Hours

Tuesday through Sunday  
9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Closed Mondays and County holidays

### Service Areas

Proudly serving the people and animals from all unincorporated communities within San Diego County.



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR HOUSEHOLD PETS



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES

"Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of people and animals"





## HOUSEHOLD PET EVACUATION KIT

- At least 7 days of feed and water for each animal
- Photographs of each animal with you in the picture
- Crate or carrier for each pet that is large enough for the pet to stand up, turn around and lie down
- Bed, bedding or blankets for each animal
- Leashes, collars or harness
- Copies of veterinary records and proof of ownership
- Toys and treats for pets
- Litter pan and litter for cats
- Food and water bowls
- Manual can opener
- Plastic “poop” bags
- Paper towels, newspaper
- First Aid kit with 7 day supply of medications

## IDENTIFICATION

Having identification on your animals may help reunite you with your animal(s) in the event that you are separated. Identification should provide your name, home address, a phone number where you can be reached, and alternate contact information of someone outside of the disaster area. Include any safety or medical concerns, such as any allergies or if the animal is known to bite. If possible, include your veterinarian's name, location and phone number.

Suitable forms of identification for household pets include:

- Microchip\*
- Dog license
- ID Tag
- Collar with Information
- Make sure your dog or cat is registered with Finding Rover



\*A small device about the size of a grain of rice, inserted by a veterinarian. **Important:** Make sure the microchip is registered with a national pet recovery database and that your contact information is current.

## PRACTICE

It can take a long time to gather your personal belongings and load your pets. We strongly encourage you to practice your evacuation plan and make any necessary changes to your plan.

## STAY INFORMED

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an emergency supply kit for yourself, your family and your pets, is the same regardless of the type of emergency. However, it is important to stay informed about what might happen and know what types of emergencies are likely to affect your region.



Be prepared to adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow the instructions from authorities on the scene. With these simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected. Those who take the time to prepare themselves and their pets will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry. Take the time now to get yourself and your animals ready.