



Top Ten Tips for Pet Owners during a Disaster

1. Keep calm! Prepare in advance using the resources at SAhumane.org (under services). By preparing early for how to keep your pet safe during a disaster, if a disaster does occur, you will be able to focus on keeping your entire family safe. Animals sense stress and can react adversely.
2. Prepare a list of boarding facilities for your pet or ask friends and relatives you live outside of your disaster zone if they would be willing to care for your pets in the event of an emergency.
3. At the first sign of a disaster, phone ahead to make arrangements for boarding your pet. A list of pet-friendly hotels can be found on our website.
4. Do NOT bring your pets to an evacuation shelter. Most shelters only allow service animals (such as seeing-eye dogs) to stay with their owners.
5. Ensure your pet wears a sturdy collar with all necessary ID tags at all times and keep them on a leash when in public or open areas. (Be sure to include vaccination and microchip tags in addition to an ID tag)
6. Build a Pet Evacuation Pack and keep it on hand. For what to include in your Pet Evacuation Pack, visit SAhumane.org.
7. Bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm or disaster.
8. If you have more than one pet, keep them separated, even if they are usually the best of friends. Pets who are frightened or stressed may act unpredictably.
9. During an emergency, keep your pets in a carrier or crate if possible. Crating pets make them feel more secure.
10. Carry recent photos of your pet with you to aid in identification and ownership if need be.

More information can be found at SAhumane.org.