



Portable Pet Emergency Supply Kit Checklist

Time is of the essence when you must evacuate your home in a crisis. Whether you are away from home for a day or a week, you will need essential supplies. Keep your kit in a container that can be easily carried.

- ___ Pet food and water -- enough for one week (Use the brand that your pet is used to. If you use canned food, buy small cans since you might not have access to a refrigerator. Also, do not forget to rotate the water, or buy water purifiers from a pet store.) **Be sure to watch expiration dates and rotate supplies.**
- ___ Manual can opener
- ___ Non-breakable plastic feeding bowls
- ___ Extra collars
- ___ Extra leash or rope
- ___ ID tags
- ___ Flea/tick spray
- ___ Blankets, one for each animal
- ___ Current photos of your pets, in case they get lost
- ___ Up-to-date health records, phone number for veterinarian and information on feeding schedule, behavior problems, etc., sealed in a plastic bag
- ___ Favorite toy and "treats"
- ___ Clean-up supplies such as plastic bags, pooper-scoopers and disinfectant
- ___ Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
- ___ Litter or paper toweling
- ___ Adequately sized carrier for dogs and cats* (room to stand up and turn around)
- ___ Pet First Aid kit (see next column)

*Having a carrier will give you peace of mind and allow you to attend to the emergency without having to hold on to and keep track of your pet.

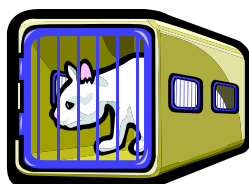


Pet First Aid Kit

(suggested contents)

- ___ One-week supply of any special medication required by your pet (Each time you renew a prescription, put the freshest one in your emergency kit and use the one that was in the kit.)
- ___ Vaccination records
- ___ Bandages, gauze and elastic tape
- ___ Antibiotic ointment
- ___ Antiseptic wipes
- ___ Hydrogen peroxide (for cuts and wounds)
- ___ Betadine solution (non-stinging iodine)
- ___ Tweezers and small scissors
- ___ Eye wash
- ___ Eye dropper
- ___ Cotton swabs
- ___ Tongue depressors
- ___ Emergency blanket
- ___ Styptic pencil
- ___ Instant cold pack
- ___ Disposable latex gloves
- ___ Kaopectate (for diarrhea)
- ___ Specialty items for your species of pet

You can purchase a pre-made Pet First Aid kit through the Rio Hondo Chapter of the American Red Cross.



About Other Pets



Birds

- Birds should be transported in a secure travel cage or carrier.
- In cold weather, make certain you have a blanket over the cage. This may also help reduce the stress of traveling.
- In warm weather, carry a spray bottle to moisten your bird's feathers periodically.
- Provide a few slices of fresh fruit and vegetables with high water content.
- Have photos available and leg bands on for identification.
- If the carrier does not have a perch, line it with paper towels and change them frequently.
- Keep the carrier in as quiet an area as possible.
- Do not let birds out of their cage.

Reptiles



- Snakes may be transported in a pillowcase, but you should have permanent and secure housing for them when they reach a safe place.
- Take a bowl of water with you that is large enough for soaking, and also bring a heating pad.
- Lizards should be transported like birds.

Small Animals



- Animals such as hamsters, gerbils, mice, guinea pigs, etc., should be transported in secure carriers with bedding materials, food, food bowls and water bottles.

Horses



- Be sure your trailer is ready to transport your horse to a predetermined safe location.
- Have extra hay, shavings, wheelbarrows, pitchforks, etc. available.

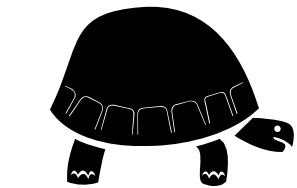
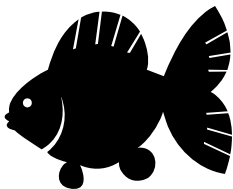


After an Emergency

During a disaster, a shelter set up by the American Red Cross and the City of Whittier will not be able to accept any pets. However, under the City of Whittier's contract with Los Angeles County, the County Department of Animal Control will assist residents in sheltering pets in a disaster.

Animal Control employees are trained to work with animals under all circumstances. The agency has six (6) shelters within the County. If evacuations are required, Animal Control will shelter animals for residents at specified shelters depending on the location(s) of the evacuation. In some instances, it is possible that Animal Control would set up a temporary staging area close to an American Red Cross shelter site for persons displaced by the incident. In general, during a disaster, Animal Control would temporarily hold animals at no charge to the owner.

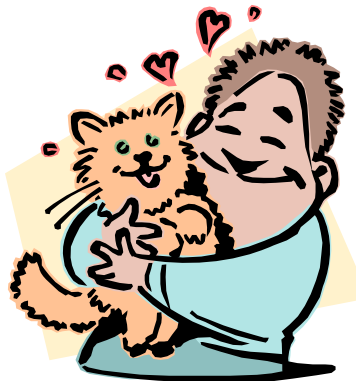
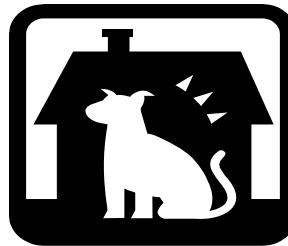
Residents should have plans to leave their pets with friends and family outside of the evacuation area. In the event no other option exists, pet owners would be asked to transport their pets to the designated shelter. If road conditions were such that traffic was not being allowed, Animal Control would assist with the transportation of pets.



Back at Home

Planning and preparation will help you weather a disaster, but your home may be a very different place afterwards. When you return home, before releasing your pets in the yard, carefully check your perimeter fence to make sure it has no breaks.

Be patient with your pets after a disaster. Try to get them back into their normal routines as soon as possible, and be ready for behavioral problems that may result from the stress of the situation. If behavioral problems persist, or if your pet seems to be having any health problems, talk to your veterinarian.

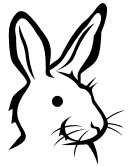


Animal Hospitals and Kennels in the City of Whittier

- Macy and Thomas Animal Hospital, 14036 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, (562) 698-7985
- Washington Blvd. Animal Hospital, 12116 Washington Blvd., Whittier, (562) 693-8233
- Boulevard Grooming & Boarding Kennel, 12120 E. Washington Blvd., Whittier, (562) 693-3156
- PetSmart, 15618 Whittwood Lane, Whittier, (562) 902-0358
- Whittier Dog and Cat Hospital, 12124 Philadelphia St., Whittier, (562) 698-0264



Local Motels and Hotels that Accept Pets*



- Vagabond Inn, 14125 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, (562) 698-9701
- Days Inn, 6540 S. Rosemead, Pico Rivera, (562) 942-1003 (dogs only)
- Residence Inn by Marriott, 14419 Firestone Blvd., La Mirada, (714) 523-2800
- Homestead Village, 3050 E. Imperial Hwy., Brea, (714) 528-2500
- Hyland Motel, 727 S. Brea Blvd., Brea, (714) 990-6867 (small pets)
- Woodfin Suites Hotel, 3100 E. Imperial Hwy., Brea, (714) 579-3200
- Fullerton Inn, 2601 West Orangethorpe, Fullerton, (714) 773-4900
- Fullerton Marriott Hotel @ CSU, 2701 E. Nutwood, Fullerton, (714) 738-7800

* Inquire about limitations and/or special charges for pets

