

NAPA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER'S DISASTER KIT FOR DOGS

Now is the time to assemble a disaster kit for each dog in your household.

Supplies should be stored in a plastic container with a secure fitting lid and labeled, "DISASTER SUPPLIES - DOG."

FOOD:

- Use brands your dog is used to.
- Store enough food for one week.
- Have both dry and canned if that is what your dog eats. Your dog's appetite may decrease during a disaster, buy small cans.
- Plastic lid for ½ used cans of food.
- Food dish, can opener and spoon.

WATER:

- Enough to last one week.
- Store water in shaded or dark area, not in direct sunlight.
- Small container of bleach for purifying water.
- Sealed plastic container for storing purified water.
- Water dish.

SANITATION:

- A pooper scooper for picking up after your dog. A small child's shovel will do.
- A supply of plastic bags to dispose of the waste.

PHOTOS:

- Have at least ten recent photos of each dog.
- Include any distinguishing features or markings.
- Include yourself or family members, for proving ownership.

MEDICATIONS:

- At least a two week's supply.
- Check expiration dates on meds.
- Include monthly meds. (heartworm, etc.)
- A muzzle in case your dog is injured, to prevent anyone from getting bit.

VACCINATION RECORDS:

- Keep copies of your dog's vaccination records in your kit.
- These will be needed if for some reason you need to board your dog during a disaster. If boarding, a Bordetella vaccine may be required.

CLEANING SUPPLIES:

- Disinfectant to clean crate/cage. Be sure to rinse before placing dog back in, do not clean crate/cage with dog in it.
- Paper towels for drying crate/cage.
- Dish soap for cleaning dishes.

COLLARS and TAGS:

- A breakaway collar and tags should be on your dog at all times. A dog harness and leash.
- Keep an extra set in your kit.
- Preprinted lost pet poster, just in case.
- Microchip registry, in kit.

VETERINARIAN INFO.:

- Write your veterinarian's name, address, and phone number on a piece of paper. Also, list an alternative vet, if yours is not available.
- Write out a release form, authorizing another person to get emergency treatment for your dog, in case you are not available.

GROOMING SUPPLIES:

- Dry shampoo, in case your dog needs a bath. Sometimes during disasters, dogs can come into contact with substances that will need to be cleaned off their fur.
- Cloth towels for drying your dog.
- Nail clippers.
- Flea powder or foam for dogs.
- Include a brush or comb if your dog likes to be groomed.

TOYS:

- Include a few of your dog's toys, or chew bones and/or treats, if your dog is used to having them.

CAGES and CRATES:

- If you must confine your dog during a disaster, you can use a large plastic crate. Be sure it is large enough to hold food and water dish. Also, it should allow enough room for your dog to stretch out comfortably.
- Be sure the cage has a secure locking device.
- Wire collapsible cages are great if you are experiencing a warm weather disaster, they have great ventilation.
- Wire exercise pens work great for small dogs, be careful of them digging out.
- A spiral ground stake and either six foot chain or cable can be used to tie a dog outside. Be sure if you use this method of confining your dog, that there is no risk of the dog hanging itself. For example, hanging itself by falling off a porch, trying to get over a fence or tangling itself around something. Also, be sure to provide the dog with protection from the weather. Don't tie a dog outside and forget it!