

NAPA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER'S DISASTER KIT FOR CATS

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

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

FOOD:

- Use brands your cat is used to.
- Store enough food for one week.
- Have both dry and canned if that is what your cat eats. Your cat'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.

LITTER:

- Have at least one week's worth of scoopable litter stored in plastic jugs.
- Plastic litter box and scooper.
- Plastic bags to dispose of litter.

PHOTOS:

- Have at least ten recent photos of each cat.
- 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 hairball paste if your cat has long hair or prone to hairballs.

VACCINATION RECORDS:

- Keep copies of your cat's vaccination records in your kit.
- These will be needed if for some reason you need to board your cat during a disaster.

CLEANING SUPPLIES:

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

COLLARS and TAGS:

- A breakaway collar and tags should be on your cat at all times. You can get tags which lay flat against the cat's collar. A cat harness and leash.
- Keep an extra set in your kit.
- Preprinted lost pet poster, just in case.
- Microchip registry, in kit.

CAGES and CRATES:

- If you must confine your cat during a disaster, you can use a large plastic crate. Be sure it is large enough to hold food and water dish and a small litter box. Also, it should allow enough room for your cat 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.

GROOMING SUPPLIES:

- Dry shampoo, in case your cat needs a bath. Sometimes during disasters, cats can come into contact with substances that will need to be cleaned off their fur.
- Cloth towels for drying your cat.
- Nail clippers. Cat may not have access to a scratching post, for a while.
- Flea powder or foam for cats.
- Include a brush or comb if your cat likes to be groomed.

TOYS:

- Include a few of your cat's toys.

TRANSPORTING:

- Crates or pet carriers are the best to use for transporting you cat. Most cats don't do well in cars.
- Pillowcases can be used in case of an emergency, for short periods of time.
- Having your cat loose in your car, may enable it to escape when you open the door.

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 cat, in case you are not available.