



## NACA Disaster Preparedness Emergency Pet Plan

Disaster can strike at any time and making sure you and your pets are prepared in advance will help make sure you are ready. Disaster comes in many forms, whether it's a large-scale natural disaster or a smaller scale neighborhood disaster, having your pet emergency plan and supplies in place will help mitigate unnecessary risks or stress during this time for you and your pets. Here are some helpful tips to get you started!

1. Identification options for your pets such as updated microchips and collars. Be sure to clearly label carriers for small animals with identification and have an emergency tagging system in place for large animals.
2. Current photos of your pets.
3. Copies of medical records, microchip numbers and any important health information.
4. Plan out pet friendly places to stay should you not be able to go back home – hotels, friends, or relatives.
5. Do your research! Know in advance where to go look for your pet should you become separated.
6. Appropriate transport options – appropriately sized crates or trailers.
7. Train pets to be comfortable with transport options in advance such as loading into trailers, travel cages, or crates.
8. Be neighborly – exchange contact information and house keys with a trusted neighbor to support each other should disaster strike when you are not at home.
9. Supplies and care equipment – see NACA: GO NOW! Emergency Pet Kit Checklist for a complete list of items!



## NACA: GO NOW!

### Emergency Pet Kit Checklist

Owners Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- Basic pet first aid kit
  - Gloves
  - Cotton swabs & balls
  - Pet safe antiseptic lotion, powder, or spray
  - Gauze
  - Scissors
  - Tape
  - Wet or grooming wipes
  - Towel
- Extra food and water
- Pet medications
- Food and water bowls / buckets
- Leash, halters, harnesses, walking equipment
- Vaccination records
- Bedding and/or towels
- Sanitation and cleaning supplies (paper towels, pet friendly cleaner, wipes, poop bags, trash bag, litter box, scoop, etc.)
- Transport carriers, crates, cages, or trailer options
- Photos of you and your pet together

#### NACA Pro Tips

**Pro Tip 1:** Make sure your animals are trained and comfortable with the crates and loading into a trailer to avoid delays or unnecessary stress during time of disaster

**Pro Tip 2:** Add alternative contacts whenever possible to ensure your pets has the best chance at reunification if separated

**Pro Tip 3:** Photos that have owners with the pets in them may help reunification efforts

**Pro Tip 4:** Research identification methods for all your pets – bird bands, horse mane tags and microchips for pets like reptiles and rabbits.

**Pro Tip 5:** Regularly check your NACA GO NOW Emergency kit to keep food fresh, medications updated and consider the seasons – blankets in the winter and spray bottles in the summer may come in handy!