

## Disaster Planning Steps

1. Keep a collar and tag on those animals that should normally wear collars.
2. Identify several possible locations where you can take your animals, should you have to evacuate.
3. Start a buddy system with someone in your neighborhood, so they will check on your animals during a disaster, in the event you aren't home.
4. In addition to your regular supply of animal food have at least a week's supply on hand to be used during a disaster.
5. You should have at least a week's supply of water in storage at all times for your animals.
6. Take several pictures of the animals and keep these pictures with your important insurance papers that you would take if you needed to evacuate.
7. Talk to your vet before a disaster strikes to see if he/she has a disaster plan.
8. Know where the animal shelters or animal rescue organizations are in your area.

Source: *United Animal Nations – Keeping Companion Animals Safe During Disasters*

## Plan Ahead for an Evacuation

If evacuation is called for, evacuate your animals ahead of time. Make arrangements for someone to look after them until you can get them back home. **DO NOT TAKE ANIMALS TO A HUMAN SHELTER – THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED!** Contact C.A.R.T. for sheltering alternatives. As a last resort, if you cannot make proper preparations or have no warning, let the animal loose so it can get away from danger.



### ***For more information:***

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## Protecting Animals In a Disaster



### **What is C.A.R.T.?**

The Wayne County Animal Response Team (C.A.R.T.) is intended for use by local government to minimize animal suffering in the event of a large scale emergency. This action will be aimed at all animals that may need help, whether such animals are owned, stray, domestic, or wild. Under these circumstances, C.A.R.T. will take immediate action to provide care for affected animals.



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## Pets & Disaster – Get Prepared!



The best way to protect your family from the effects of a disaster is to have a disaster plan. If you are a pet owner, that plan must include your pets - their lives depend on you.

If you must evacuate your home in the event of an emergency, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to **TAKE THEM WITH YOU**. Thousands of pets were killed or injured when they were left behind during Hurricane Floyd.

Make advance emergency plans for your pet. Ask a friend or relative if they will care for your animal, or make arrangements with one of the local boarding kennels listed in this brochure. There is also a list of local area motels which will accept pets in an emergency - call them to make arrangements to stay there if you can. Some have limits as to the size of animal accepted and may require a deposit.

Make sure your pet has some form of permanent identification such as a microchip or tattoo to ensure that it can be returned to you if it gets lost and carry a current photograph of your pet with you.

### Pet Emergency Kit

Keep a “Pet Emergency Kit” ready. We expect hurricanes in this area, but other emergencies such as forest fires or hazardous waste spills can also force people to leave their homes. Your kit should include:

- two weeks worth of pet’s medication
- pet’s medical and vaccination records
- leash
- collar with identification tag
- water
- food
- bowls
- bedding
- litter/pan
- photo of pet with owner
- microchip  
Identification number



### Keep Vaccinations Up-To-Date



Vaccinations must be done ahead of time to protect your animal if they are loose or around other animals in a disaster situation. The following are recommended vaccinations for your animals.

#### Dogs

- Distemper/Parvovirus Combination
- Kennel Cough
- Rabies
- Heartworm Prevention

#### Cats

- Distemper/Upper Respiratory Viral Combination
- Rabies
- Leukemia

#### Horses

- Influenza
- Rhinopneumonitis
- EEE/WEE
- Tetanus
- Rabies
- Strangles
- Negative Coggins Test for EIA
- West Nile

#### Cattle

- IBR
- BVD
- PI-3
- BRSV
- Leptospirosis
- H. Somnus
- 7-way Clostridial

#### Sheep/Goats

- Tetanus
- Enterotoxemia (Overeaters)

## Identification Tips

- **CATS & DOGS**– Make sure your pet has an identification tag on their collar. Other forms of identification, such as microchips and tattoos, are available to you from your vet.
- **HORSES**– Make sure your horse has a halter with your name and phone number on it. Spray paint will also work on horses and other large animals without halters. Freeze branding, ID’s, and microchips are also available for horses.
- **LIVESTOCK**– Keep records of ear tag ID numbers. Tattoos and brands can also be used, but records must be kept up-to-date.

## Stay Informed Know About Types of Emergencies

It is important to stay informed about what might happen and know what types of emergencies are likely to affect your region as well as emergency plans that have been established by your state and local government. For more information about how to prepare visit [www.readync.org](http://www.readync.org) or call 1-800-BE-READY.

