Animal Preparedness During A Disaster - SMALL ANIMALS

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**Prepare a Disaster Plan:**

**If you must evacuate**, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND**.

Unfortunately, emergency public shelters will only permit service animals and will not accept family pets inside their facilities for health and safety reasons. Therefore, it is important that you make other arrangements for your pet’s protection and safety.

Call motels away from known hazard areas. Make sure they allow pets, and ask if there are any restrictions on size and number allowed. Many will waive, in cases of severe emergencies, “no pet” policies.

* Ask dependable friends or relatives who live away from a the area, if your pets could stay with them during an emergency. Also, ask if they would possibly care for them for an extended period if you should lose your residence.
* Contact veterinary clinics and ask if they during an emergency can board your pet.
* Locate boarding kennels, again preferably away from hazard areas, to determine what is available. Inquire as to who stays on the premises with the animals and what provisions are made if they need to evacuate.
* Contact local animal shelters and rescues and ask if in the event of disaster, they provide any emergency shelter.
* Be sure your pet’s vaccinations are up-to-date. If you plan to board your pet, most facilities will require proof of current rabies, distemper, parvo and Bordatella vaccinations.
* When a warning of an impending evacuation occurs, call and confirm any arrangements made.
  + If you live in an apartment, make sure your animals are on record with management and they are able to be evacuated using the stairs. Teach dogs how to go up and down stairs to better assist rescue personnel.
  + Keep written directions to your home near your telephone. This will help you and others explain to emergency responders exactly how to get to your home.

**If You Must Leave Your Pet, bring them indoors.**

Never leave pets chained outdoors!

* Do not tie pets up!
* Put them in a room with no windows and adequate ventilation, such as a utility room, garage or bathroom.

· Leave only dry foods and fresh water in non-spill containers. If possible open a faucet to let water drip into a large container or partially fill a bathtub with water.

**Assemble an Animal EVACUATION KIT** (Store in an easily accessed location)

It should include a minimum of three (3) days food and water (two weeks is best) for all pets. Do not forget to add feeding dishes, a can opener and a spoon (for canned food).

**First aid kit** –

A veterinarian can tell you what to include. These items below serve only as examples of what you might include:

* Anti-diarrheal liquid or tablets
* Antibiotic ointment (for wounds)
* Antibiotic eye ointment
* Bandage scissors
* Bandage tape
* Betadine® (povidone-iodine) solution
* Cotton bandage rolls
* Cotton-tipped swabs
* Elastic bandage rolls
* Eye rinse (sterile)
* Flea and tick prevention and treatment
* Gauze pads and rolls
* Isopropyl alcohol
* Liquid dish detergent (mild wound and body cleanser)
* Styptic powder (clotting agent)
* Thermometer (digital)
* Tweezers
* Be sure to include a two-week supply of any medications the pet requires (include drug name, dosage, and frequency of dosing) Be sure to incorporate a sheet that lists dietary restrictions, feeding schedules, etc. and photocopies of medical records, with proof of all vaccinations
* Separate pet records which list: The type and breed of pet; the pet’s name; a contact name with address, phone number and area code; sex; distinguishing characteristics; whether the pet is spayed/neutered and if the pet is micro-chipped.
* Pet carrier or crate. Cat carriers should be large enough to hold a small litter pan and two small dishes and still allow your cat enough room to lie down comfortably or stand to use the litter pan. Dog kennels or collapsible cages should be large enough to hold two no-spill bowls and still allow your dog enough room to stand and turn around.
* Leashes, muzzle, collars, or harnesses which have a personal ID and license tag attached.
* A current photo of the pet, in case you are separated and need to create "Lost" notices.
* Blankets and towels (paper and cloth), plastic trash bags, flashlight with extra batteries, and cleaning products.Maps of local area and alternate evacuation routes in addition to GPS (in case of road closures)
* Pet beds and toys, if easily taken can help reduce stress.If cats are involved, a litter pan, scoop litter, plastic bags and scooper

**Birds**

* Transport in a secure travel cage or carrier.
* Have a cover accessible to put over the cage for both warmth and to help reduce the stress.
* If the weather is warm, have a spray bottle available to periodically moisten the bird's feathers.
* Band the leg for identification purposes.
* A timed feeder will ensure the uninterrupted daily feeding schedule of the bird.

R**eptile or amphibian (herptile) pets**

* Bring heating pads or other warming devices, like heating packs or hot water bottles.
* Styrofoam insulated boxes can be utilized as temporary housing for the animal.
* DO NOT FORGET WATER.
* Since you may not be able to obtain fresh vegetables or fruits during a disaster, keep frozen items ready for emergencies. If your herptile feeds on live food, remember to consider this for evacuation as well.
* Spray bottles help maintain the higher humidity some herptiles require.
* Many reptiles may be marked with a permanent felt-tipped marker

**Hamsters, gerbils, mice and guinea pigs**

* Transportation of most small mammals is best accomplished using a secure, covered carrier or cage to reduce stress.
* In addition to food and water, include: necessary dietary supplements, extra bedding materials and appropriate exercise equipment

**Backyard poultry**

* Leg bands with an emergency telephone number and photos of birds can help you identify them if they escape or get lost.
* Plastic poultry transport crates/coops work well for transporting chickens. Transfer birds to more suitable housing as soon as possible to facilitate feeding and watering.
* At the evacuation site, house birds away from noisy areas and other flocks and protect them from the weather and predators.
* Vehicle interiors should be warmed in winter or cooled in summer before transporting birds.
* Line crates or cages with shavings or other absorbent material for ease of cleaning. Newspapers can work temporarily) to line cages.
* Feed and water for 7 -10 days. Vitamin and electrolyte packs (Stress packs) may help ease the stress.
* Sufficient feeders and waterers for the number of birds.
* Detergent, disinfectant, gloves and other cleaning supplies for cleaning cages, feeders and drinkers.
* If evacuating chicks, consider their special needs (heat, food, equipment)

**Emergency Information :** Emergency Alert System (EAS) announcements for Tehama County will be on

**Local radio stations:** KFBK 1530 (AM) and KTHU 100.7 (FM).

TV - KRCR Channel 7 ([http://www.krcrtv.com/wildfire/16196594](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.krcrtv.com%2Fwildfire%2F16196594&h=ATPfS5v5pFz2GpWQoWQ8QtWz_NfL1uFlnii0Ii7ZeSDLnqxkyPIJ_LvmTtYB1DGDbKcCALS4UiEv80eZb9bkj2_NE5oWhhDpzdqqvqwC3deYe5ADzCfNQA_SYwtHNUNi904&s=1))

TV - KHSL Channel 12 and KNVN Channel 24 ([http://www.actionnewsnow.com/home/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.actionnewsnow.com%2Fhome%2F&h=ATPOlPwfgSOB--gzjgzIOP_-KYvXkFUmY6Vr24uPBGH9LH11YiDcJI7nEbb8KxbdC2jKkmB-ZIpuKfP51AVir2Ol4bqDHtNfefNS9eB5Q8-FBluR2KamrMJPhwafFl55xTg&s=1))

**For emergency services in Tehama County: Please do not call local Fire Stations to report an emergency or to ask for fire information.** **If you have an emergency, contact 9-1-1**

**For any emergency information contact the Tehama County Sheriff’s Office at 530-529-7900.**

Cal Fire Tehama Glen Unit (530) 528-5199 ([http://www.tehamacountyfire.org/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.tehamacountyfire.org%2F&h=ATPR2wkpJIxnOLczbSfjbJq_fET3pCFxIqV0G2SWueFT13eFJLnay5CRvdwlZ5gLXdKYqlwB7V_ABspVcrcPju_I9k1mqu5sNLz25pG6SE0nXVQJ0olJsBgaq8ToreyEM70&s=1)) or ([http://www.fire.ca.gov/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.fire.ca.gov%2F&h=ATOzriUXyXXxqe0sQh5RdpFJICWKxde6-E3DfhNoEatC54sfAhir9xVom2pRJ-jK9nhlD27SzQT5bzTBtRY3l7qOtqTH8HIqcblBEBVaD9IvUz9ehVCKdATrjw0-ntHRWh8&s=1))

The California Highway Patrol (530) 527-2034

**Incident information** can be found at:

CAL Fire: ([http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/incidents\_current](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fcdfdata.fire.ca.gov%2Fincidents%2Fincidents_current&h=ATM9scW4BGFU43OT1PJA_eUq--srYcUJWlX4zty_ISQijFOl2Ll2BuyhxhdBpSejpZAzD-gbFwI5WGMYOD4-b56215U0d32iZkyGafV2IOE0kp4JdZlwb3gU6qM7W8eo4Hg&s=1))

Yuba Net: [http://yubanet.com/fire.php](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fyubanet.com%2Ffire.php&h=ATOJge0SRgnrHRm3aP7VMSt6nq8VZgqnvOTQkbp1TxWxw94bAb5DDqhKhkhd1fEksPXA9Qc3o8uB8Y1Y-CmG4X69ZwZP5HUaYbFWCbXUdHN5HQtikZXEtEHSPBjGWHkYqK8&s=1)

**Other resources:** (will post updated news to their websites.)

The Red Bluff Daily News ([http://www.redbluffdailynews.com/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.redbluffdailynews.com%2F&h=ATOJ6E0i9Ktu9mcWtMsRcrALl6OYgBKV6xS_zydoPi71TKojZvQ7QFuC5i08dPkMQFqQipqs3KU7cDMhOoc2i0Kz66csHgt9QbNO4MP_JEwYV7ckGsUvvtipkSu7KFQ_1fc&s=1) )

The Redding Record Searchlight ([http://www.redding.com/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.redding.com%2F&h=ATOZeT1a84uO5ZjaVWv1rmohw8TJqyDIK1i8T5hahr2VdpP4Q5FEwnvfXtcblGuFaQm0NGKfnt89j_Yh5cqL9Y-FMkUXQ8LfFnxg9Xpu8gp1AvZPXy_4agz2TTIbw2Y0X1I&s=1))

The Chico Enterprise Record ([http://www.chicoer.com/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.chicoer.com%2F&h=ATMZVqNFNei7O7Sa3JPnNzhHGjAz7y5xbl4DCqKUOQh7lM6mclwPXIfhRfy8J_L9Z-qK1KkZfc3icoxb3aTUjia74GZFKoY6yDPQMmkJkW6CtWaujJha_Gr2fFM3s4HROsQ&s=1) )