CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR PET IN AN EMERGENCY?

In recognition of FEMA’s National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day

TIPS TO HELP SECURE YOUR PET’S SAFETY IN AN EMERGENCY:

1. Use a microchip or collar ID with up-to-date contact information
2. Put a pet rescue decal on the door or window so first responders know a pet may be inside
3. Know where to look for your pet if they’re afraid so that you can evacuate faster
4. Have a pet-friendly place in mind to go in case you have to leave your home
5. Carry a picture of your pet in the event of separation
6. Take a pet carrier or crate with you for transport and safe keeping

YOUR PET EMERGENCY GO-KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Basic first aid supplies
- A 3-day supply of bottled water and the pet’s preferred food, held in a waterproof container
- Safety harness and leash
- Waste clean-up supplies
- Medications and a copy of the pet’s medical records
- List of veterinarians and local pet care organizations
- List of the pet’s feeding routine and any behavioral issues
- Comfort items, such as a blanket or favorite toy, to help keep the pet calm and comfortable

“Just knowing that a kit is packed and ready to go should eliminate some of the stress during an emergency,” said Dr. Ellen Lowery, Director of U.S. Veterinary and Professional Affairs at Hill’s Pet Nutrition, the maker of Science Diet. “It will put a family at ease, knowing that everyone, including their beloved pets, will be taken care of.”

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