



Situational Awareness Bulletin

From the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness



PROTECT YOUR PETS DURING A DISASTER

- 1 BRING YOUR PETS INSIDE IMMEDIATELY.** Have newspapers on hand for sanitary purposes. Feed animals moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink.
- 2 If you evacuate your home, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND.** They most likely cannot survive on their own and if by some remote chance they do, you may not be able to find them when you return.
- 3 Make a back-up emergency plan** in case you can't care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pet if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer.
- 4 Never leave a pet outside or tied up during a storm.** If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, there are some precautions that you should take. Leave them loose in your home with food and plenty of water. Place a notice outside in a visible area, advising what pets are in the house and where they are located. Provide a phone number where you or a contact can be reached as well as the name and number of your vet.

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