



City of SANTA CLARITA

He wouldn't leave you. Please don't leave him.



If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. So when it comes to preparing for fires, earthquakes, severe weather, or even acts of terrorism, include household pets in your family emergency planning. Considering what's best for your family is typically what's best for your pets – **take care of the entire family!**

- Assemble an animal emergency kit.
- If you need to evacuate, take your pets with you. If you go to a public shelter, it is important to know that only service animals may be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for you and your pets.
- Develop a pet care buddy system for emergencies with friends, neighbors, and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pet if you are unable to do so.

Suggested Pet Emergency Supplies

1. Food

Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.

2. Water

Store a minimum of three days of water.

3. Medications/medical records

Keep an extra supply of the medications your pet takes in a waterproof container. Include a copy of your pet's vaccination records.

4. First aid kit

Discuss with your veterinarian about what is appropriate to include in a first aid kit for your animal.

5. Extra leash/collar

Include a backup leash, collar, and tag in your pet's emergency kit. Consider permanent identification such as micro chipping.

6. Crate/Pet Carrier

Have a safe, sturdy crate or carrier ready to transport your animal in case an evacuation is required. The carrier should be able to accommodate the animal to stand, turn around, and lie down. Practice placing your pet in a crate before an emergency occurs.

7. Sanitation items

Include items to maintain the appropriate hygiene and sanitation of your pet; plastic bags, paper towels, and disinfectant.

8. Photo of you and your pet together

A photograph of you and your pet together will help document ownership and allow others to assist in identifying your pet if you become separated during an emergency.

9. Familiar/fun items

Help reduce your pet's stress with favorite toys, treats, or bedding in the kit.



Resource information:

santa-clarita.com/emergency

animalcare.lacounty.gov

humanesociety.org