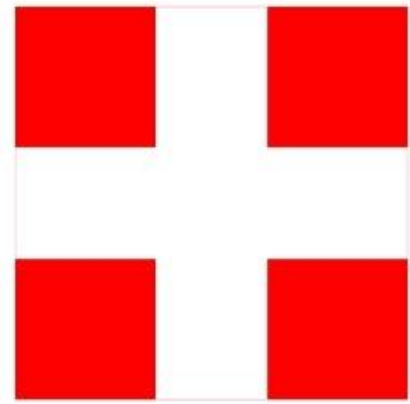


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Pet Emergency Preparedness



Emergency Preparedness is so important, no matter how big or small your pet is!

“Pet People”

- Some people think that others take their love of pets to the extreme..
- if you are put in a situation where you are rescuing individuals, sometimes their pets are the reason they are “staying” or even going back to unsafe conditions to “rescue” them.
- While you may not agree with them, take time to understand that some people’s opinions on their pets are very different from others...



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■ Must Have Items in a “Pet Emergency Kit”:

- Food and Water: Enough for 72 Hours, Plus feeding items
 - 1 week’s worth of these items is ideal (Especially being in Alaska)
 - Petzoo/AFW/Petco Shipping Example
- Pet Medications
- Medical Records, including vaccination records, Microchip Records
- Basic Pet First Aid Kit
- Extra leash and collar or harness with ID tag
- Pet Carrier



More items...

- Sanitation Items
 - Litter/litter box for cats
 - Absorbent materials such as newspaper, paper towels, trash bags
 - and cleaner (bleach)
- Your pet's favorite toy, treats and/or bedding
- Pictures of you and your pet for identification and ownership purposes.



Pet First Aid Kit- What's in it?

- Bandaging Materials – Gauze rolls and pads (sterile), first aid tape, nonstick pads, bandage rolls (ace).
- Band-aids
- Scissors and Tweezers
- Nail Clippers
- Thermometer and sterile lubricant (Vaseline, KY jelly)
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Plastic gloves (non latex)
- Towels or blankets, Pillow cases
- Muzzle
- Elizabethan collar (also known as “Cone” or “E-collar” or “Lamp shade”)
- Sterile saline eye wash as well as eye lubrication

More First aid kit contents..

- Cold packs and heat packs
- More water
- Dish soap
- Emergency contact information:
 - Animal Poison Hotline
 - Your Veterinarian
 - 24- Hour Emergency Veterinarian

- Pet first aid kits can be purchased from pet supply stores, outdoor supply stores, or even specialty stores that carry emergency safety supplies.

When a disaster strikes: Shelter in place, or evacuate?

Shelter In Place:

If deciding to stay at home, always stay tuned to local media outlets for updates.

- If your pet is an outdoor pet, bring your pet indoors
- Find a safe area of your home where you and your pets will be comfortable.
- Close off or eliminate unsafe nooks and crannies
- Move dangerous items from the shelter area such as toxic plants or products
- Designate a safe room to store all your emergency supplies in that safe room well in advance, including your pets crate and supplies.
- Keep your pets safely confined, comfortable, and as much away from stressors as possible.



Evacuation..

- **Evacuating your home**
 - To our knowledge, the Mat-Su valley does not have a designated action plan for sheltering of the general public's pets in the event of a large scale emergency or natural disaster.
 - Far Country Animal Hospital is the only Emergency hospital in the Mat-Su Valley, and we do not have the facilities to shelter a large amount of pets.
 - Red Cross and other emergency organizations do NOT allow pets (other than service dogs) to stay with you in emergency shelter areas.
 - Do you have family/friends that can take in you and your pets?
 - Create a list of pet friendly places to stay in the Mat-Su Valley

Pet Friendly Places to Stay in the Mat-Su Valley

- As researched 1/29/16
- We recommend updating this list as often as you would check and update the pet emergency kit. (Hopefully that's at least annually!)
- Hotels/Motels, and B&Bs
 - Alaskan View Motel
 - Best Western Lake Lucille Inn
 - Grand View Inn and Suites
 - Alaska Garden Gate Bed & Breakfast
- RV Parks in Palmer area that allow pets:
 - Homestead RV Park
 - Fox Run RV Park
 - Big Bear RV Park
- Check campsites, Local lodges for pet policies

Other Options...

- Contact **Local pet Boarding Facilities**
- Contact **Local Pet Rescue organizations**
- The **Municipality of Anchorage** (See next slide)
 - www.muni.org
 - Office Of Emergency Management -> Emergency Preparedness -> Pet Emergency Preparedness
- **What if you are not home when the disaster happens and you can't get to your pets?**
 - Develop a buddy system and emergency plan with neighbors, friends, family, and relatives to make sure someone can be available to get to and care for your pet if you are unable to. Create a “phone tree” of people to contact.

Pet Sheltering & Evacuation

Prepare to be your pet's hero.



We know you love your pets

So prepare now to ensure you don't have to leave them behind in an emergency. The Municipality of Anchorage will allow you to evacuate your pets and will set up a pet shelter, but there are items you must bring with you and requirements you need to be aware of. Take a minute to read the information provided here so that you can prepare to be your pet's hero.

Evacuating Your Pet

If you evacuate on municipal public transportation, residents are able to evacuate their domestic, household pets in a manner that does not threaten the safety or welfare of other evacuees.

- ✓ All animals must be leashed or kenneled
- ✓ You may transport only as many animals as you can personally control
- ✓ Priority for transport will be given to service animals

Pack and maintain an evacuation kit that includes copies of important pet papers (ownership documents, microchip numbers, shot records, etc), a picture of you with your pet, food for 5-7 days, used toys, medicine, used blanket or pillow, and a leash or harness.

Sheltering Your Pet

The Municipality will incorporate provisions for pet sheltering of small, domestic animals by establishing pet shelters in close proximity to human shelters where feasible. Non-service animals are not authorized to reside within facilities designated as human shelters.

****Owners are responsible for providing food and any required medications for their pets.**

Service animals are allowed in human shelters. Your personal emergency planning should include provisions for your service animal.

To take your pet home, you will be required to prove ownership. Registration papers and a valid ID or a current photo of you with your pet will be accepted.



Triage & Emergency 1st Aid for Pets

Common Signs of a Pet Emergency

- Abnormal heart rate
- Collapse
- Coughing or difficulty breathing, blue gums
- Dilated pupils
- Lethargy/weakness
- Loss of appetite
- Painful
- Pale gums
- Restlessness and panting
- Unproductive retching
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Bleeding
- Burns
- Electrocutation
- Broken Bones
- **You know your pet better than anyone else!** If your pet is acting abnormal to you in any way, please consult a veterinarian.



Steps to consider in a Pet Emergency

The following advice is meant to triage and stabilize the pet until the owner is able to get to the Veterinarian, and not meant to be a substitute for a veterinarians advice or an effective plan for long term treatment of a pet.

- **Check the ABC's: Airway, Breathing, Circulation**
 - Check and clear the pet's airway, check for breathing and heartbeat, assess the situation and level of injuries.
- **Administer basic first aid: Control bleeding, flushing burns**
- **External Bleeding:** Apply direct pressure with clean gauze or other material. If the material is soaked through, continue to apply pressure and add more material. Apply a bandage around the wound using the bandaging materials discussed while using duct tape/medical tape to keep the bandage on.
 - **Signs of internal bleeding include:** Coughing blood, pale/white gums, Collapse, localized pain or swelling, bleeding from nose, ears, or rectum, blood in urine, feces, or saliva. Restrict the pet's movement and get to the vet ASAP.

Basic First Aid Tips

- **Flushing burns** (heat burns ONLY, NOT chemical or electrocution type burns): flush the area with tepid water for 5-10 minutes, or immerse the affected area in cool water (no ice), or apply a damp washcloth to the area. Apply a sterile lubricant to the area and cover the wound loosely with gauze or a bandage.
- **Chemical Burns:** often caused by contact with household cleaning chemicals. Notate the information of the chemical your pet came in contact with as treatment of your pet may vary depending on the chemical.
 - Ingestion: Contact the pet poison control helpline for instructions on treatment. Flushing the mouth may become dangerous depending on the chemical.
 - Skin contact: Read the label on the container of the chemical first, some may tell you to flush the pet's skin, bathe them with dish soap, or rush immediately to a doctor. Contact the pet poison control helpline for instructions on treatment if you do not have access to the information on the container.
- **Burns from Electrocution:** do NOT flush the burn or put anything on the burn. Keep the pet calm and quiet and get them to the Vet ASAP.

Basic First Aid Tips

- **Broken Bones (Fractures):** Signs include sudden pain and swelling, favoring a limb, bone visible under or through skin, limb held at an abnormal angle.
- Protect yourself. Restrain and/or Muzzle your pet. They are in pain and can bite/scratch when being handled. Don't have a muzzle? You can make one!
 - Items such as shoe laces, string, cords, rolled gauze or bandages, shirts work great!
- Stabilize the area with a "splint"
 - *Rolled up newspaper, magazines, sticks, yard sticks, Pens/pencils, popsicle sticks*
 - Fractures above the elbow or knee do NOT need a splint- these areas have enough muscles to keep the break stabilized and a splint will add additional stress to the break.
- Broken Bones that punctured through the skin:
 - the main priority is to cover it, stabilize it, and keep it clean.
- Place in transport kennel or on a "stretcher"

Basic First Aid Tips

Is the pet not breathing?

- Rush them to the vet ASAP.
- While there are a lot of resources for learning mouth to mouth breathing or even “CPR” on pets, these techniques can be difficult for the average pet owner to (1) know when it is appropriate to use and (2) do it effectively without further injuring the pet. We do not discourage it, but we advise to take some classes on learning how to do this effectively. (See “Cool Apps and Classes” slide for more details).



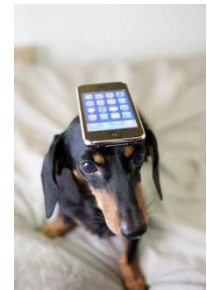
Other Basic Tips-“Just in case”



- **Get a pet rescue alert sticker.**
 - If you have evacuated your house, try to remember to write “evacuated” across the sticker to help out the rescue personnel.
- **Always make sure the pet is wearing a collar with an ID tag**
 - Even for indoor pets (indoor cats accidentally get let outside frequently)
 - Ensure contact info on the ID tag is up to date- put cell phone numbers on the ID tag.
- **Consider getting pets microchipped**
 - If the pet is microchipped, make sure address and phone number are always current.
- **Even if your pet is not crate trained,** make sure to have carriers or other ways to transport your pets safely or keep them confined and out of danger. Train your pet to get used to the crate or carrier so its “no big deal” for them when it needs to be used.

Cool “Apps” and Classes!

- **American Red Cross Pet first Aid app:** Download at the app store or go to: <http://www.redcross.org/mobile-apps/pet-first-aid-app>
- **ASPCA Pet Poison control app:** Download at the app store or go to: <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/apcc-mobile-app>
- **Pet Poison Helpline app:** Download at the app store or go to: www.petpoisonhelpline.com and click on “download our iphone app”
- **Dog First Aid Class!** Instructed by The Better Companion dog training facility in Wasilla. Visit their website at www.bettercompanion.com
 - Select Special events tab and you will find the class info.
 - They will offer several different classes if we show interest! Give them a call!



Other Resources

- **Mat Su Borough Website- Emergency Preparedness planning-** <http://www.matsugov.us/preparedness>
- **Municipality of Anchorage emergency preparedness planning-** www.muni.org
- **Red Rover pet safety tips-** www.Redrover.org
- **The ASPCA-** www.ASPCA.org
- **The Humane Society of the United States-** www.humanesociety.org
- **The Red Cross:** www.redcross.org
- **Ready. GOV-** www.ready.gov
- **Fema. GOV-** www.fema.gov
- **The American Veterinary Medical Association-** www.avma.org
- **Websites that list hotels/motels that accept pets:**
 - www.petswelcome.com (Also has a phone app!)
 - www.takeyourpet.com
 - www.bringfido.com (Also has a phone app!)

Thank you!

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