



**Humane Society**  
Pikes Peak Region

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# **EMERGENCY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

**For Pets**

# WHY HAVE A PLAN?

You are responsible for the safety of your pet(s). If you need to evacuate, your plans should include your pets along with yourself and your family. Be prepared to transport your animals and to provide care and shelter for them for at least 72 hours away from home.

## WHAT CAN I DO AHEAD OF TIME ?

- (1) Keep vaccinations and preventive care up to date; keep medical records and veterinary contact information with your evacuation kit. Include microchip information and recent photos of you with your pet for identification.
- (2) Also provide this information to an alternate contact person out of the area.
- (3) Build your evacuation kit (see checklist); remember to rotate perishable stock regularly.
- (4) Make arrangements with nearby family, friends and neighbors who are willing to agree to assist one another with evacuations if necessary. Make sure they have access to carriers and emergency kits as well as written permission to act for you. Post, in a visible or known location, a current list of the number and types of animals in your home (if you evacuate your animals, note this on the list before leaving).

## HOW DO I TAKE MY ANIMALS?

Have one crate/cage per pet, labeled with name, address, phone number and an alternate contact. It should be large enough for the animal to stand up, turn around and lie down comfortably, with room for food and water dishes; for cats, it must also fit a small litter box. Make sure they're wearing collars/harnesses with ID. For animals other than dogs and cats, have appropriate transport enclosures/environments.

## WHERE DO I TAKE MY ANIMALS?

If possible, make plans with family or friends who are willing to take care of your pets temporarily. Other options include boarding kennels, animal hospitals or pet-friendly hotels. During a large-scale evacuation, authorities may designate a public evacuation shelter. If you must go to a public shelter, your animals likely will not be able to stay with you, with the exception of service animals providing assistance for medical disability.

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# EVACUATION KIT CHECKLIST

	Crate/carrier for transport, with bedding
	Food and water for 3 days (rotate stock)
	Dishes, utensils, manual can opener
	All medications
	Medical records (in waterproof container)
	ID info (microchip information, photos)
	Treats and toys
	Cat litter, box and scooper
	Leashes, harnesses, muzzle (if necessary)
	Pet first aid kit and book
	Grooming supplies
	Leather gloves and towels (for handling)
	Paper towels, newspapers, plastic trash bags, spray disinfectant
	Extra water for rinsing/washing if necessary
	Written feeding schedules and behavior notes
	List of animal emergency contacts

## PET SHELTER OPTIONS

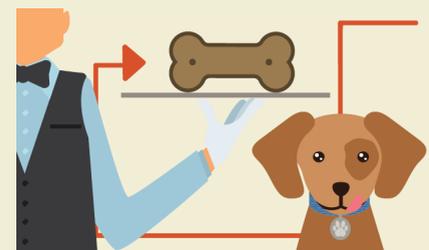
### Local Animal Shelter /Boarding



### Friends/Family



### Pet-friendly Hotels



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Control \_\_\_\_\_

Important Plan Details \_\_\_\_\_

## PEOPLE WITH PET CARE PERMISSION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

## ALTERNATE CONTACT WITH PET INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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