OKLAHOMA 4-H
Disaster Preparedness
4-PETS

Responsible Pet Owners are Prepared

Each year thousands of pets are lost, injured or killed during emergencies. These emergencies can include family emergencies that prevent an owner from caring for their pet or a natural disaster such as a flash flood, tornado or even a man-made problem like a gas pipeline leak.

By being prepared 4-H members improve their and their pets chances of safely making it through the emergency. Prepared members greatly increase the likelihood that their pet will not be lost during a disaster and they also will help alleviate the stress placed on their pets and family when disaster strikes.

Plan for Sheltering Your Pet

- Know which hotels along your evacuation route will accept pets during an emergency.
- Find out which kennels, animal shelters or veterinarians can take your pets in an emergency.
- Teach a trustworthy neighbor how to care for your pet if you’re unable to get home during the disaster.

Microchipped ID

Collars and ID tags can become lost during an emergency. Microchips are a permanent form of ID placed underneath the skin of your pet. Talk to your veterinarian about having your pet microchipped.

For more information on Disaster Preparedness visit ready.gov

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MAKE A PET EVACUATION KIT

Include:
- Leashes and carriers to transport and shelter your pet safely
- Fresh food, bottled water and bowls - rotate often to keep fresh
- Litter/pan, plastic bags, disinfecting cleaners to deal with pet waste
- Medical records and medications
- Current photo and descriptions of your pets
- Info on feeding and medication schedules, incase someone else has to care for your pet
- Pet beds, toys and treats to reduce your pet’s stress
- Pet first aid kit
- Make sure your pet wears a collar with an ID tag

*Store your items in something waterproof and easy to carry such as a plastic tub. Label it and keep it handy!

Ottawa County 4-Hers spent an entire month caring for over 130 cats and 175 dogs that were displaced during a flood in 2007.

FIND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

- Cooperate with your emergency manager to develop pet disaster plans
- Participate in disaster trainings
- Start a public awareness campaign about pet preparedness for disasters
- Visit with your emergency managers about how your 4-H club can help out during/after a disaster

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