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WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR PETS



Assemble a disaster kit with food, water and other supplies to last one week. Include required medications and contact information for you and your veterinarian. Include vaccination records, too.

Identify safe locations where you can bring your pets in an emergency. Have a back-up plan!

Take photos of yourself with your pets to help prove ownership if you become separated. Keep copies on your cell phone and in your disaster kit. Note your pet's distinguishing marks and other physical features.

Microchip your pets. It's the best chance you have of being reunited with them!

Have a "disaster buddy."

Exchange keys and your emergency contact information. You can watch out for each other's pets if disaster hits when one of you is not home.



**The most important rule:
NEVER LEAVE THEM BEHIND!**

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Livingston County Disaster Response Guide for Animals

Helping People



Helping Animals

What to put in your disaster kit

- A one-week supply of food and water in airtight containers, food and water bowls and a can opener!
- Extra medications, first aid supplies, heartworm and flea/tick preventative.
- Vaccination records, emergency contact information, photos of you and your pet in a waterproof pouch.
- A crate or carrier, leash and collar, toys, a blanket.
- Basic cleaning supplies.

If you have horses, be sure to keep a fire extinguisher and extra leads in every barn.

Practice making an emergency halter. Always have a phone at hand.

Exotic animals need special food and supplies in a disaster kit. A good list of tips for exotic species is at www.asPCA.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness/. Keep a copy in your disaster kit.

For tips on livestock and poultry, there's a comprehensive guide from Penn State University at <http://readyag.psu.edu/>.



DID YOU KNOW.....?

- **Most people who don't evacuate refuse to leave without their pets.**
- **People who do evacuate often go back to unsafe areas to try and save their animals.**
- **Unfortunately, most animals left behind do not survive.**



HELPING OTHER ANIMALS

When disaster strikes, please consider donating food, unused toys, clean blankets, cat litter, puppy and kitten formulas, flea control products, and grooming and cleaning supplies.

THANK YOU!

The Livingston County Office of Emergency Management is prepared to respond to the needs of the people and animals across Livingston County.

We work with the following groups to help rescue and shelter animals in times of disaster:

- Firefighters
- Emergency Medical Services
- Law enforcement officers
- Public health and safety agencies
- Social Services
- Charitable organizations
- Veterinarians
- Shelters
- Private rescue groups.

The Office of Emergency Management uses the Incident Management System to maximize efficiency and work effectively with other emergency responders.

