

PET SAFETY DURING SEVERE WEATHER SEASON

In the event of severe weather, you and your family must not only plan for your own safety, but also for the safety of your pet. Please be aware that, for health and safety reasons, pets are **NOT** allowed in American Red Cross shelters. If you have to evacuate, plan for your pet now. Take your Pet Survival Kit if you go to a friend's or relatives, or to a hotel.

Pet Survival Kit

- Proper identification collar and rabies tag/license
- Carrier or cage
- Leash
- Ample food supply (at least 2 weeks)
- Water/food bowls
- Any necessary medications
- Specific care instructions
- Newspapers, cat litter, scoop, plastic trash bags for handling waste
- Proper ID on all belongings
- Non-electric can opener
- Favorite toy

After the storm has passed, be careful in allowing your pet outdoors. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and your pet could easily be confused and become lost. Downed power lines and animals and insects brought in with high water could present real dangers to your pet. Take care not to allow your pet to consume food or water which may have become contaminated.