



## **ANIMAL CARE DURING AN EMERGENCY**

Arrange a safe haven for your pets in the event of evacuation. Remember, if it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets. They may become trapped or escape and be exposed to numerous life-threatening hazards.

### **WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND.**

#### **Emergency Pet Kits**

Keep a container of pet supplies handy. This kit should be clearly labeled and easy to carry. Items to consider keeping in or near your pack include:

- 3-7 days' worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
- Litter or paper toweling
- Disposable garbage bags for clean-up
- Pet food dishes and water bowls
- Extra harness and leash
- Blanket (for scooping up a fearful pet)

#### **Evacuation Preparation:**

To minimize evacuation time, take these simple steps:

- Store your emergency pet kit and leashes as close to an exit as possible.
- Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification.
- Always bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a disaster. Pets can become disoriented and wander away from home during a crisis.
- Call ahead to make arrangements for having your pet stay outside of the danger zone.

#### **Make alternate arrangements to house your pet if you are unable:**

- If you are unable to evacuate with your pets, make alternate arrangements ahead of the flood for their care at a safe location out of the flood zone.