



# Disaster and Emergency Preparedness

## *Part I - Everyday emergency preparedness*

### ***Identification and Health***

\***Microchip your dog** – keep the Microchip ID tag on your dog's collar and make sure the information on the account is up to date (current picture of your dog especially if you started the account when he/she was a puppy) address and telephone numbers.

\***Keep a tag** on your dog's collar with identifying information that should include; your name, telephone number and any medical needs your dog might have.

\***Up to date vaccination records** – store a copy in your disaster kit (information to follow) and store it digitally (on your phone and in the cloud if possible).

\***Create a flyer** with a picture of your dog and pertinent information. Keep a copy in your disaster kit as well as digitally for easy access.

\***Post a rescue alert sticker** on or near your front door. These stickers alert first responders that you have pets and how many are inside the home. If you evacuate/leave home in emergency situations with your pets – write in big letters on the sticker EVACUATED to ensure the safety of responders who may otherwise search for pets who are no longer there.

## ***Part II – Evacuation Preparedness***

### ***Assemble a Disaster Kit***

\*Each dog (pet) in the household should have his/her own ***disaster kit***

\*Make sure the kit is kept in an easy to find location and inform all family members and animal caregivers of that information.

\*Keep the kit updated (with fresh water/food) and current pictures and vaccination records.

### ***Evacuation Locations***

\*Make sure you identify places you can evacuate with your dog (and other pets) which includes; pet friendly hotels, kennels, friends or family homes. DO NOT leave your pets at home – if it is not safe for people – it is NOT safe for your pet. Keep a list of pet friendly locations in your disaster kit.

### ***Buddy System***

\*Have a buddy system set in place. A friend or neighbor should have information about how to enter your residence and know the location of your pet disaster kit(s). Set up a safe meeting place in advance if possible.

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