IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Create a list of contacts **before** an emergency.
Consider local and out-of-area resources.

Local Veterinarian

Evacuation Veterinarian

Emergency Pet Contact

Local Boarding Facility

Evacuation Area Boarding Facilities

Pet-Friendly Hotels

Local EMA Number

Important Links

Mississippi Board of Animal Health (MBAH)
www.mbah.ms.gov

MBAH Hotline
1-888-722-3106

Mississippi County Emergency Management Directors
www.msema.org/local-ema

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) App

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness

CDC Healthy Pets, Healthy People
www.cdc.gov/healthypets/index.html

www.ready.gov/animals

www.gopetfriendly.com

Red Cross Pet Preparedness
http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/pet-disaster-preparedness#Pet-Emergency-Kit

PET PREPAREDNESS AND EVACUATION

Pet emergencies are human emergencies.

Have your pets ready in 3 steps:

1. Build a kit
2. Make a plan
3. Be informed

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1 BUILD
a Pet Evacuation Kit

Prepare a Pet Evacuation Kit to be part of your Family Emergency Kit. Store your kit in a cool, dry place that is easily accessible and make sure all family members know where it is. The kit should be labeled with your contact information and it should be easy to carry. You should have enough supplies to last 3-7 days whether you shelter in place or evacuate.

- ☐ Pet Food *(rotate every two months)*
- ☐ 1 Gallon of Water per animal per day *(rotate every two months)*
- ☐ Food and Water Bowls
- ☐ Pet Medications and Pet First Aid Kit
- ☐ Collar and/or Harness on <u>each</u> pet with current Identification Tags attached
- ☐ Leash for each dog
- ☐ Crate for each pet
  - *-large enough for pet to stand, turn around and lay down*
  - *-large enough for a litter box, food bowl, and water bowl, if for a cat*
  - *-label with your contact information*
- ☐ Cotton Sheet to place over crate to help pet remain calm
- ☐ Comforting Toys and Treats
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Proof of Pet Ownership (current **color photo** of you and your pet together, microchip information)
- ☐ Vaccination Records
- ☐ Trash Bags, Newspaper, Can Opener and Cleaning Supplies
- ☐ Litter Box, Scoop, Litter (cats only)
- ☐ Pet Waste Bags

2 MAKE A PLAN
Before a disaster happens

- Keep pet current on vaccinations.
- Take color pictures of you with your pet.
- Ensure your pet is microchipped.
- Keep current identification tags on your pet's collar.
- Identify pet sheltering options.
- Have an evacuation strategy and practice it.

If you evacuate, TAKE YOUR PET TOO!

3 BE INFORMED
in case you're not at home when disaster strikes

- Place stickers on the front and back of your house notifying responders to the number and types of pets inside.

FREE Rescue Alert Stickers can be ordered from the ASPCA website

- Pre-identify an emergency pet contact who can pick up your pet and care for them. They should have a key to your home and know where your Pet Evacuation Kit is located.
- Some shelters may not take pets or may only take household pets.
- When arranging sheltering plan, inquire as to type of shelter (animal only, etc.).

General Definitions:

Animal Only Shelter: Care of animals is provided by shelter staff. Animals may be stray or owned, but not with their owner.

Collocated Shelter: Located in close proximity to general population shelters to enable animal owners to provide basic daily care for their animals.

Cohabitated Shelter: Household pets and owners shelter in the same place. Pet owners provide primary care for their own animals.

Household Pet: A domesticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rabbit, rodent, or turtle that is traditionally kept in the home for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes, can travel in commercial carriers and be housed in temporary facilities.