



September is National Disaster Preparedness Month – Are Your Pets Ready?

FACCS – Friends of Animal Care & Control Urges Pet Parents to Have a Plan Should Disaster Strike ...

PHOENIX – September is National Disaster Preparedness month and the current situation in Louisiana serves as a reminder to pet owners to have an emergency evacuation plan in place *before* disaster strikes. And while Arizonans may not have to worry about hurricanes -- monsoon storms, house fires and other unexpected emergencies abound. FACCS – Friends of Animal Care & Control is asking pet owners to consider the following disaster preparedness tips:

- Arrange a safe haven for your pets in case of evacuation; **do not leave your pets behind!** Keep a list of phone numbers for boarding facilities and pet-friendly hotels. If possible, find a friend or relative outside of your area who would be willing to care for your pet.
- Make sure your pet is wearing current identification at all times. Be sure to include a cell phone number on pet ID tags so that you can be reached when you aren't at home.
- Make a Pet Emergency Evacuation Kit. Your kit should be easy to carry (backpack or duffel bag) and every member of your family should know where it's located – be sure to keep it somewhere easily accessible. Your Pet Emergency Evacuation Kit should include:
 - 3-7 days of food and dishes
 - 7 days of bottled water
 - Pet first-aid kit
 - Copies of medical records and a two-week supply of any medications your pet may require
 - Extra harness and leash
 - Recent photo of your pet (in case you are separated)
 - Blanket and toy to comfort your dog or cat
 - Disposable garbage bags and paper towels for clean-up
 - For cats: disposable litter pans and litter
 - For cats and small dogs: airline/travel kennel for each pet

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