

## Pets and Crisis Flyer

Your Cheltenham Emergency Management Team is committed to serving the whole family. For many people that includes their beloved pets. Insuring their safety in a crisis situation is paramount among their concerns. Recent events have highlighted the necessity of planning before a crisis occurs. Natural and man made disasters are a fact of life. You need to prepare a plan for yourself and your animals in case of disaster. Having a plan in place and practicing that plan will help to keep you, your family and pets safe during a crisis or evacuation.

The following are ways to prepare for a crisis situation.

- Have a pet evacuation kit that includes items specific to your type of pet.
  - Small Animals ( Dogs & Cats)
    - Identification Tags and/or Microchip
    - Food
    - Water
    - Cage / Carrier
    - Can opener
    - Copies of veterinary records
    - Proof of ownership
      - Photos of yourself and your family with the pet
      - Proof of purchase
      - Adoption papers
    - Emergency Contact List
    - Familiar items for the animal (toys, treats, blankets, etc.
    - First Aid Kit
    - Instructions including diet and medications
    - Muzzles
    - Food and water dishes
    - LEASH AND COLLOR/HARNESS (one for each pet)
    - Stakes
    - and tie-outs
  - Birds
    - Identification
    - Small, secure, covered carriers to avoid injury
    - Fresh food and water

- Dietary supplements
  - Materials to line the bottom of the cage
  - Cage perch
  - Toy
  - Veterinary Records
- Reptiles
  - Identification
  - Pillow case, cloth sack or small transport carrier (escape proof)
  - Food
  - Essential dietary supplements
  - Water bowl for soaking
  - Appropriate handling gloves / supplies
- Amphibians
  - Watertight plastic bags or plastic containers w/small ventilation holes
- Other Small Animals (Ferrets, Hamsters, Gerbils, etc.)
  - Secured covered carrier or cage
  - Necessary dietary supplements
  - Appropriate exercise equipment

### Prepare for Pet Relocation

- Contact your Veterinarian for a list of preferred boarding kennels and facilities
- Identify hotels and motels inside and outside your immediate location that accept pets.
- Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they are willing to house your pet.

# KEEP IDENTIFICATION AND VACCINATION TAGS AND RECORDS UP TO DATE

Frequently check Channel 42 and <http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org/> for updated information.

Web Sites for further information

American Veterinary Medical  
Association  
[www.avma.org/disaster](http://www.avma.org/disaster)

American Society For The Prevention  
of Cruelty to Animals  
[www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)

American Humane Society  
[www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org)

American Red Cross  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)