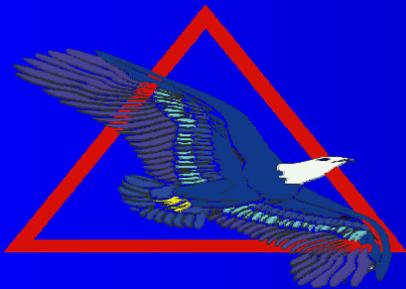


# Pet Disaster Safety

What We Need and What Our  
People Need to Remember



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Hi, my name is Buck and I am Leslie's service dog. Even though I am not a pet, I know about pets. She has two cats that live here with us. Yeah, they are okay, but they purr a lot and they want to lay beside me when I'm resting. Oh well. Anyway, because Leslie works so much on disaster and fire safety I figured it was time she put together information on what your pets need. So from me to you – Pet Disaster Safety.

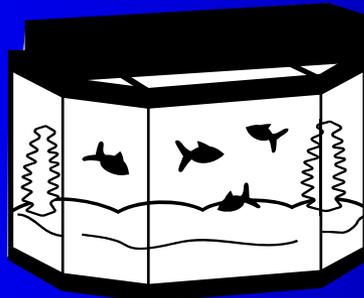
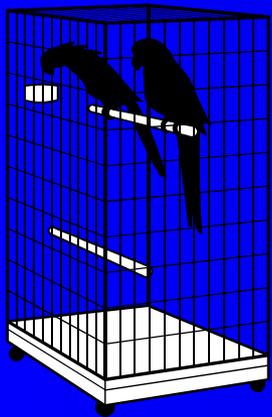


By now, everyone knows to make their disaster supplies and safety kits, but what about your pets? Most of us have trained you to spoil us and keep us safe and secure in your homes. But remember, most shelters and hotels even some family or friends may not welcome us. We might be frightened or even have a bit of an attitude when our safety and security is in harm's way during a disaster. Just like people sometimes act.

So, let's begin right now to plan and have ready a Pet Disaster Safety Kit. Are you ready? Okay, get your coffee! Now are you ready?



Getting back to the lesson, some of you probably have these kinds of pets. Some people even have other animals as pets, but I couldn't find pictures of them.

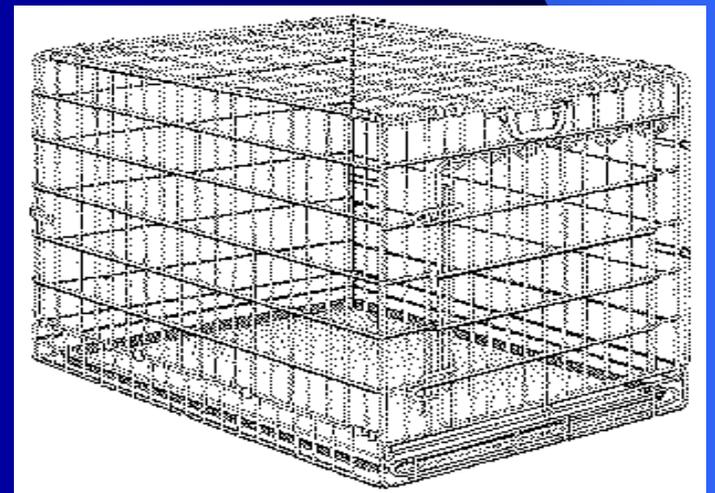
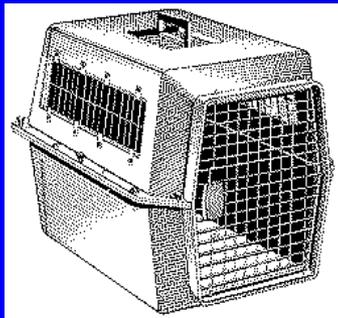


We have to eat while you may be gone and we need someplace to have the food set so that it doesn't get flooded, tipped over, or have yucky things falling into it. Oh, don't forget water for us. You know the bottled spring fresh type in the six-packs from the grocery store. Argh, Leslie just gave me that look, so bottled water that isn't as fancy is just as good. But make sure to date it and keep it fresh – okay?

Oh boy that look again. All right, maybe not these foods but dry dog and cat food is needed.

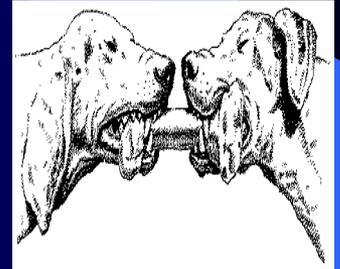
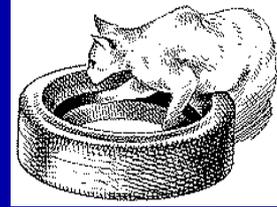
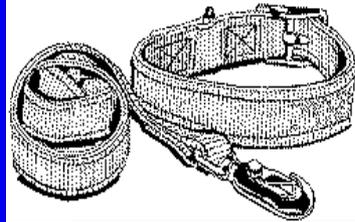
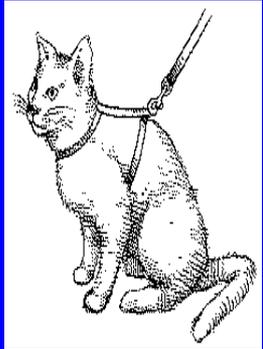


You may need to make arrangements for us to go to a kennel or the Vet's for boarding during the disaster. If that happens, both places are going to require these items for our protection and safety. Don't forget them. Cats need a cat carrier that they feel safe and comfortable in and also one that is sturdy enough so they can't escape and get lost or hurt. A small dog could even fit in one this size. But for us larger dogs, we would need a bigger size -



Some other things that you need to remember are –

- A harness and collar for your cat, they don't hurt and after awhile even cats can be trained to like them.
- A spare collar and lead for your dog.
- Toys for us to play with while you are not there with us, and finally something warm from home to lay on.



Of course, our dog and cat tags for our shots and licenses are all up to date – right? And we have had all of our vaccinations and at least gone through basic training with you also. We have a regular vet that knows us and cares for us on a regular basis, true?

Have you filled out a form with your local Emergency Services regarding who lives in the home and let them know also about your pets that live there with you?

What about pet first aid? Do you know how to treat us if we get injured or sick? My person does know what to do. Yours should also. Give them that sad eyed downcast look and guaranteed they will want to learn.

Oh no, Leslie is checking this out and giving me that look again. Well, that is about it from me. Was fun giving you reminders.

I am suppose to tell you that if you want more information about Pet Disaster Safety, to check also with your local Veterinarians office, the SPCA, Humane Society, and for first aid for pets, the American Red Cross offer a Pet First Aid course.

And to get more information about HELPU Fire and Life Safety please email Leslie at [info@helpusafety.org](mailto:info@helpusafety.org), or telephone her at 757-221-0542. The Website for HELPU Fire and Life Safety is:

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