



Floods can impact animal health as well as human health. Make plans for your pets in the event you will need to evacuate your home or farm.

Before a Flood

- **Create an emergency supply kit for your pet:**
 - Leash, collar
 - Transport carrier
 - Food and water (5-7 day supply)
 - Any medications
 - Vaccination history, rabies certificate
 - Waste disposal supplies
 - A blanket
 - Favorite toy
 - Your veterinarian's contact information
 - Special supplies for pets such as birds, pocket pets or reptiles (e.g., heat lamps)
- **Make sure pets are current on all vaccinations.**
- **Develop an evacuation plan for your pets.**
 - For public health reasons, evacuation shelters will not be able to accept pets.
 - Identify pet friendly locations in case of the need to evacuate. www.petswelcome.com
 - Check with boarding facilities, pet-friendly hotels, veterinary clinics, or relatives or family friends outside the impacted area.
- **Identification.**
 - All pets should have some sort of identification (collar with tag, microchip).
 - Take a photo of the pet and keep it with the medical records.
 - Include any proof of ownership materials (e.g., registration, proof of purchase, adoption records, microchip information).

During a Flood

- **Bring your pets inside immediately.**
- **AVOID leaving pets behind.**
 - If there is no other alternative, leave them loose inside your home with food and plenty of water.
 - NEVER leave your pet chained outside or enclosed in a way they cannot escape danger.
 - Place a notice on the outside of your home with the location and type of pets inside, their names, your contact phone number and the name and number of your veterinarian.

After a Flood

- **Be aware that a pet's behavior may change before, during and even after a disaster.**
- **Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and your pet may become confused and lost.**
 - In the first few days after the disaster, leash your pets when they go outside.
 - Always maintain close contact.
 - Reintroduce food in small servings, gradually working up to full portions, especially if animals have been without food for a prolonged period of time.
- **Pets can be poisoned by exposure to harmful chemicals, products, or foods.**
 - If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned, call the Animal Poison Control Center toll-free 1-888-426-4435 (calls answered 24 hours a day, every day).

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