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How will you receive information during a disaster?

It is important to stay informed during a disaster to know what to do and where to go. Evacuation may be necessary for some disasters, while sheltering in place may be the safest option in another. Authorities will be providing information about safe routes of travel, where supplies are located, and what other resources – like shelter – are available.

It is crucial to have multiple ways to receive information about various types of emergencies.

In the event of an emergency, Boone County OEM will communicate to the public using Rave Alerts. Rave alerts are something you can opt-in for after creating and completing your profile on Smart911. Rave Alerts keep you informed of emergencies in your community. Make sure to include information about your pets in your Smart911 profile.

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Ready? 



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How to Prepare Your Pets for Disasters

Be P.E.T Ready in 3 Easy to Remember Steps:

Plan

What will you do with your pet during a disaster?

Have 2 plans – one in case of evacuation and one for sheltering in place. Keep in mind that most human emergency shelters will not allow pets.

Share your plan with a friend, family member or neighbor. It's helpful to have someone who can care for or move your pet if you are away when disaster strikes.

Make sure this person is comfortable handling your pet, knows where your pet emergency kit is and has a key to your house. Designate two meet-up spots, one in your neighborhood and one out-of-town limits where you and your buddy can meet during an emergency to exchange your pet.

To increase the chances of being successfully reunited with your pet, consider microchipping and/or tattooing. Be sure to carry a recent picture of you with your pet in addition to registration information, adoption documentation, etc. that could help prove the animal is yours.

Determine pet-friendly shelter options in advance. Find hotels, family or friends that allow pets and are comfortable sheltering you and your pet. Find out if "no pet" policies will be waived during emergencies.

Discuss emergency planning with your pet's veterinarian. They may have insight into additional items specific to your pet's needs to consider including in your pet's emergency supply kit.

How do you plan for post-disaster?

It's difficult to plan for what to do after a disaster. Although recovery looks different for every person and pet, and for each disaster, here are a few things to keep in mind after a disaster.

Keep your pets collared and on a leash when outside. There could still be hazards around your home or wherever you are sheltering.

Be patient with your pets following a disaster. There may be behavioral issues your pet will need to overcome following the incident.

Resume routines as soon as possible. Routines are comforting and can help your pet to feel like normal again.



Equip

How do you put together an emergency supply kit for your pet?

The things to consider that you will need for your pet during a disaster are food, water, restraint, sanitation, medical care supplies, and items to reduce your animal's stress.

This kit should be kept in an easily carried container or bag and prepared during "blue skies" before disaster strikes. Considering creating another kit if you need to shelter in place.

On the adjacent page is a list of items that should be included in your pet emergency kit. Tear this list out and keep with your kit for a quick inventory check!

Emergency Kit:

- ◇ Minimum 3-day food supply
- ◇ Minimum 1 gallon bottled water per pet per day
- ◇ Can opener
- ◇ Food and water dishes
- ◇ Treats
- ◇ Traveling bag or crate with your pet's name + your phone number
- ◇ Blanket
- ◇ Harness and leash
- ◇ Recent photo of you with your pet
- ◇ Muzzle
- ◇ Identification tags
- ◇ Newspaper or paper towels
- ◇ Disposable litter trays
- ◇ Litter
- ◇ Liquid dish soap
- ◇ Disinfectant
- ◇ Trash bags
- ◇ Medicines
- ◇ Toys
- ◇ First aid kit

