

Animal Preparedness Training

Incorporating pets in personal disaster plans

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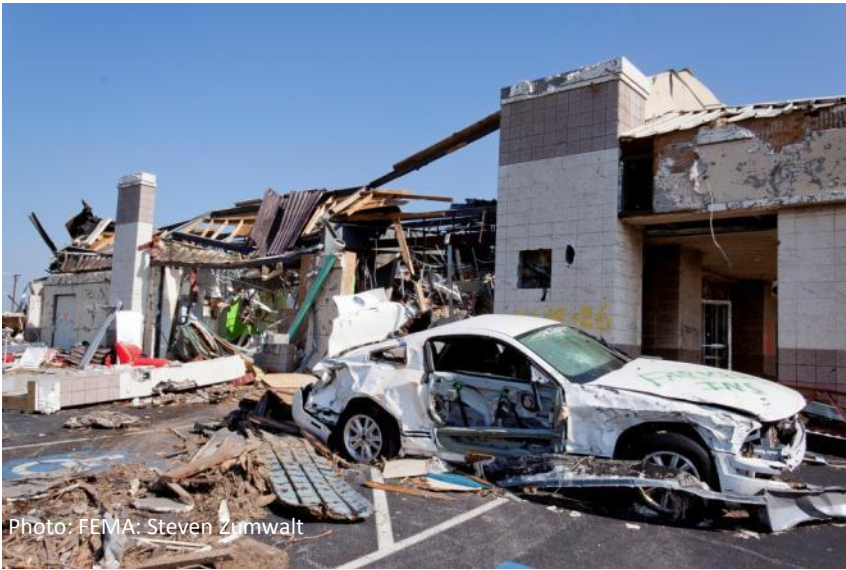
Quiz

- What route would you use to get out of town in an emergency?
- Do you have an Emergency kit?
 - Do you have one for your pet(s)?
 - Do you know where they are?
 - When did you last update them?
- Do you have a plan for communicating with your family in the event of a disaster?



Disaster

Which one is a disaster?





Preparedness for Pets

- 56% of US households own at least one pet
- Approx. 1.5 pets per household
- Animals in US households:
 - 70 million dogs (36.5% of households)
 - 74.1 million cats (30.4% of households)
 - 8.3 million birds (3.1% of households)
 - 4.9 million horses (1.5% of households)

Source: American Veterinary Medical Association:
U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook:
Amer. Vet. Med. Assoc. 2012





Role of Pets



I consider my pet(s) ...

- family members
(63.2%)
- companions
(35.8%)
- property (1.0%)

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Evacuations



- 25% of pet owners will NOT evacuate
- 50-70% will attempt to rescue later



Risk Assessment

- Identify hazards
- How hazards may affect you
- How to reduce risk





Identify Hazards

- **Identify hazards**
 - Natural hazards
 - Accidental emergencies
 - Terrorism



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Natural Hazards



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Photo: FEMA; Liz Roll



Photo: USGS



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Floods

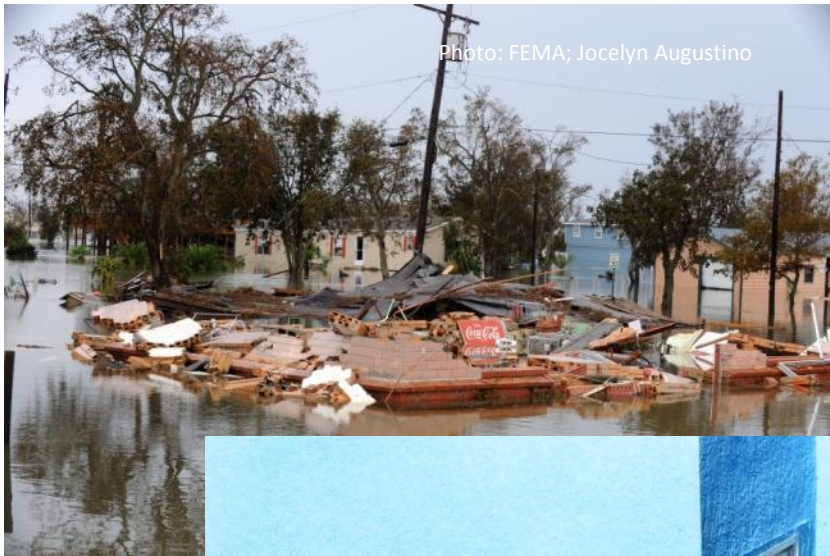


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Technological Emergencies



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Terrorism

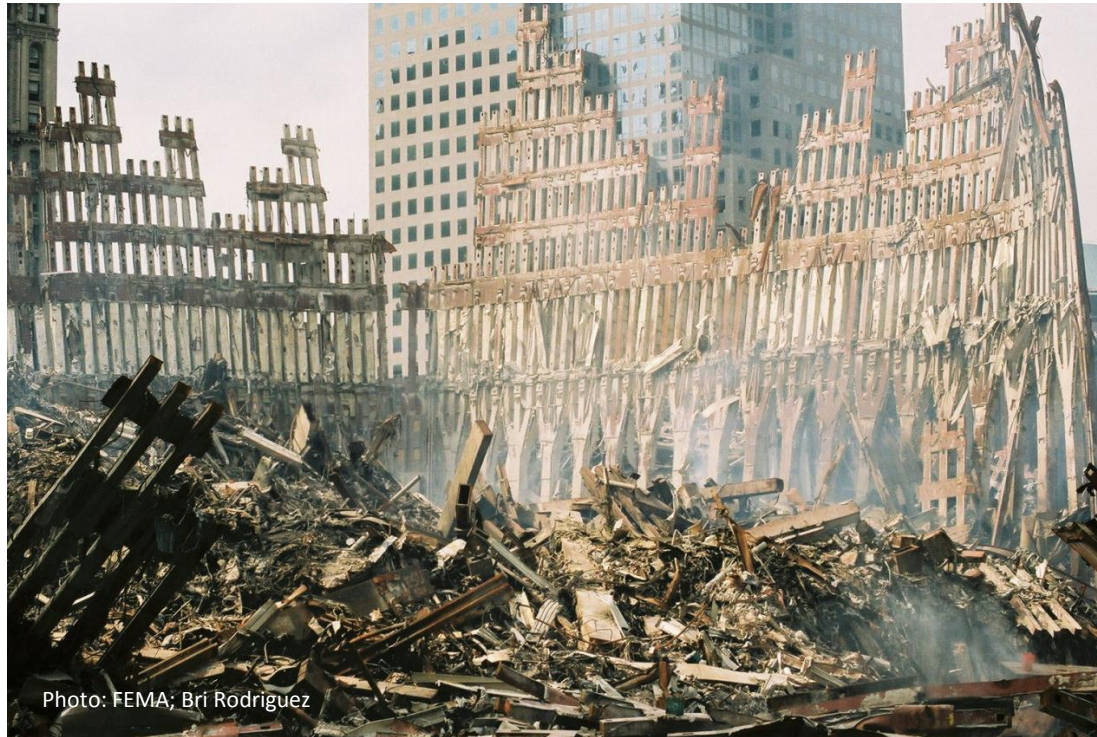


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Accidental Emergencies



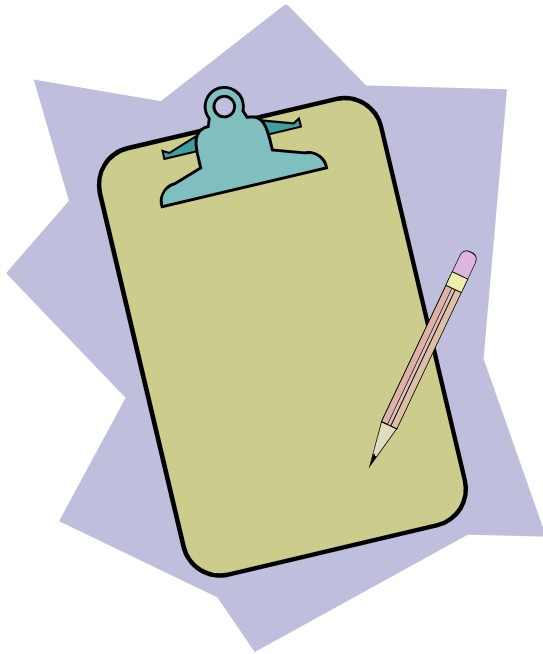
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How Likely?

- List hazards likely to affect you where you live and work
- Sort by likelihood of occurrence





Common Risks

- Identify hazards
- **What are the possible results of a hazard?**
 - Do the hazards have things in common?





Risk Analysis

| HAZARD | EFFECTS |
|---------------|---|
| Tornado | Damage to buildings Power outage- loss of heating, cooling, lights, refrigeration Heavy Rain - flooding |
| Flood | Damage to buildings Power outage- loss of heating, cooling, lights, refrigeration Damage to roads |
| Wildfire | Damage to buildings Power outage |
| Earthquake | Damage to buildings Damage to roads Power outage- loss of heating, cooling, lights, refrigeration |



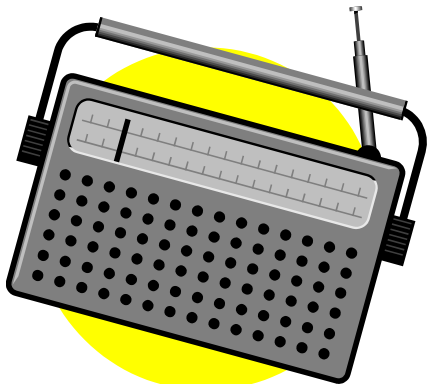
Create a Plan





Awareness

- How will you know if there's an emergency?
 - Local emergency notification
 - Evacuation notices
 - Sheltering locations (people and pets)
 - NOAA weather radio
 - Wireless Emergency Alerts





Communications

- Create a family communication plan
 - Contact information
 - Designate a contact person outside of area
 - Phone service may be disrupted
 - Text messages
- Designate a family meeting site
- Plan for pets at home if you are away



Animal Plan

- Include all animals
 - companion animals
 - livestock





Small Animal Evacuation Kit

- Identification
- Proof of ownership
- Medications
- Medical information
- Vaccination information
- Food (2 weeks)
- Water (2 weeks)
- Collar and leash
- Crate/pet carrier
- Litter box, litter, scoop
- Muzzle
- Water and food dishes
- Spoon
- Manual can opener
- Animal first aid kit
- Blanket/toys





Livestock Evacuation Kit

- Feed and water (7-10 days)
- Cotton halter
- Veterinary records
- Proof of ownership
- Duct tape
- Emergency contact list
- Heavy gloves (leather)
- Instructions (feeding and care)
- Knife
- Medications
- Water bucket
- Rope or lariat
- Plastic trash cans and lids





Identification

Small Animal

- Collar tag (tape on inside of collar)
- Microchip (updated)
- Tattoo
- Written on cage/housing
- Ownership documents

Large Animal Examples

- Microchip
- Tattoo
- Halter tag
- Luggage tag braided into mane or tail
- Livestock marker





Contact Information

- Addresses and 24 hour contact numbers
- Your contact information
- Alternate local contact
- Veterinarian
- Alternate veterinarian
- Local emergency agency numbers
- Other contacts?





Animal Care Information

- Vaccination information
 - Rabies
 - Other vaccinations
- Medical information
 - Allergies
 - Medications
 - Behavioral issues
 - Medical records
- Instructions
 - Diet: food, quantity, allergies
 - Medications: drug name, dosage, frequency, contact for refills





Transportation

- Evacuation site outside immediate area
- Leash, collar and/or harness for each pet
- Pet carrier for each animal (bowls for water and food and litter box)
 - appropriate size
 - get them used to the carrier





Transportation

Large Animal

- Trailers
- Practice loading and unloading trailer
- Prearrange evacuation site





Basic Pet First Aid Kit

- Vet's name and phone number
- Bandage material
- Muzzle
- Eye dropper
- Blanket
- Nylon/latex gloves
- Thermometer
- Tweezers





Practice, Practice, Practice

- Practice the plan
- Keep your kit up to date
 - Fresh supplies, medications, update prescriptions



Resources



Emergency Preparedness Resources

AVMA Resources

- AVMA Emergency Preparedness & Response Guide
https://ebusiness.avma.org/files/productdownloads/emerg_prep_resp_guide.pdf
- Emergency Contact Cards for Animals
<https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Reference/disaster/Pages/Emergency-contact-cards.aspx>
- Saving the Whole Family (English or Spanish)
English: https://ebusiness.avma.org/files/productdownloads/STWF_English.pdf
Spanish: https://ebusiness.avma.org/files/productdownloads/STWF_Spanish.pdf

Risk Assessment - Information to help determine which hazards might affect you

- Emergency Preparedness and Response: Preparing and Responding to Specific Hazards (CDC)
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-specific.asp>
- Natural Hazards (USGS)
http://www.usgs.gov/natural_hazards/
- Plan for Your Risks (FEMA)
<http://www.ready.gov/plan-for-your-risks>
- Storm Ready: Awareness Materials (NOAA)
<http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/awareness.htm>

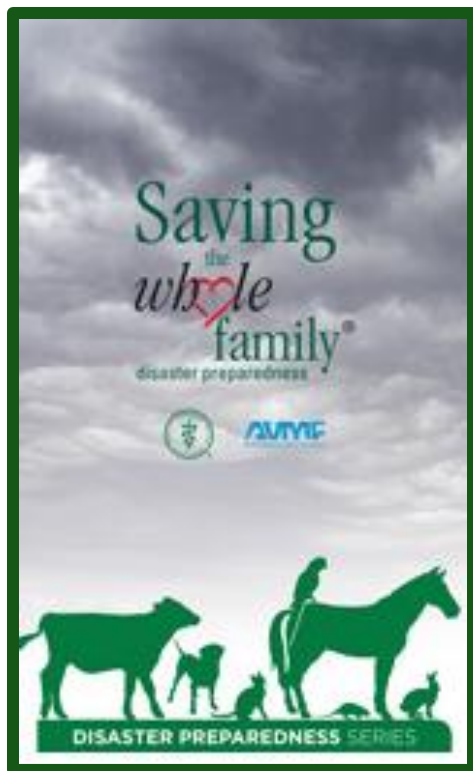
Disaster Planning and Personal Preparedness

- ALL HAZARDS: Resources to help rural communities prepare for disasters and other hazards (CPSPH)
<http://www.prep4sthreats.org/>

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Saving the Whole Family



Video



Saving the Whole Family: Disaster Prep and Your Pets



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Questions???



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