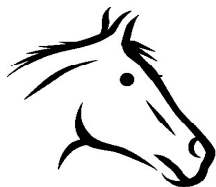




Animals such as hamsters, gerbils, mice, guinea pigs, etc., should be transported in secure carriers with bedding materials, food and food bowls.

To protect horses or livestock seek higher ground in the event of flooding. Should you have to evacuate your horse, you should have a horse trailer and a vehicle to safely pull the trailer. If you do not have a way of transporting your horses or livestock to safety then make plans in advance for temporary housing. Some suggestions are equine centers, boarding stables and fairgrounds. It takes time to move larger animals, so allow plenty of time to get them to safety.

For detailed suggestions on how to prepare horses and livestock during an emergency visit www.ncsart.org.



LOCAL HOTELS THAT ACCEPT PETS

- Best Western Biltmore: 253-1851
I-240, Exit 5A, 22 Woodfin Street
- Holiday Inn Blue Ridge Pkwy: 298-5611
I-40, Exit 55, Highway 70
- Comfort Inn River Ridge: 298-9141
I-240, Exit 8, 800 Fairview Road
- Comfort Suites Biltmore Square: 665-4000
I-26, Exit 33, 890 Brevard Road
- Days Inn West: 667-9321
I-40, Exit 37, Smoky Park Highway

FOR A LISTING OF PET-FRIENDLY HOTELS IN NORTH CAROLINA & NEIGHBORING STATES

www.petswelcome.com

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

- Asheville City Animal Services: 252-1110
- Buncombe Animal Services: 253-1195
- Buncombe County Emergency: 255-5638
- NC State Animal Response Team:
1-888-989-SART

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- NC Dept. of Agriculture: (919) 733-7601
- NC Wildlife Resources Commission:
(919) 661-4872
- NC Cooperative Extension: 255-5522
- WNC Nature Center: 298-5600
- Buncombe Disease Control: 250-5105
- Buncombe County Emergency Operations Center: 255-5631
- REACH Animal Clinic: 665-4399
- NC DOT (dead animal/county): 298-0390
- Sanitation (dead animal/city): 259-5857
- Cremation Service, Joe Penland: 281-0005
- Asheville Humane Society: 236-3885
- AHS Shelter: 253-6807
- Animal Compassion Network: 258-4820
- Animal Haven of Asheville: 299-1635
- Hope for Horses: 683-0160

NEIGHBORING COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL NUMBERS

- Henderson: (828) 697-4723
- Haywood: (828) 452-3385
- Madison: (828) 649-3190
- Transylvania: (828) 883-3713

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EMERGENCY PET PREPAREDNESS



Buncombe County Animal Response Team provides overall coordination and planning for animal issues before, during and after an actual or potential disaster situation in order to facilitate animal protection and care.



The NUMBER ONE reason people do not evacuate their homes in an emergency is because a pet is in the home.



This brochure is designed to help you make informed decisions about your pet during a time of crisis.

EMERGENCY PET PREPAREDNESS

Emergencies come in many forms and they may require anything from a brief absence from your home to permanent evacuation. Each type of disaster requires different measures to keep your pets safe. The best thing you can do for your family and your pets is to be prepared.



STEP 1: Identification & Alert Sticker

Make sure your pet has some sort of permanent identification, such as microchip or tattoo, to ensure your pet can be returned to you if lost. A Rescue Alert Sticker will let people know that pets are in your home, if you cannot. Be sure to place it in a visible location and that it has current information on the number of pets in your household and types of pets. Also, include your veterinarian's name and phone number.

STEP 2: Arrange a Safe Haven

In the event of evacuation, arrange for a safe haven for your pets. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND.** If you do, they may risk injury or worse. Red Cross Disaster Shelters will not accept pets because of health and safety regulations.

- Contact your veterinarian for a list of preferred boarding kennels for use in the event of an emergency.
- Check with your local animal shelter to determine if they can provide temporary emergency shelter
- Included in this brochure is a listing of pet friendly hotels.
- Choose a designated caregiver. Ask friends or relatives outside of your immediate area if they would be willing to take in your pet.

STEP 3: Pet Emergency Kit

- Pet first-aid kit and guide book
- Canned (pop top) or dry food
- Disposable litter trays
- Litter or paper towels
- Feeding dishes
- Extra leash
- Proper fitting muzzle
- Bottled water
- Pet carrier labeled with contact info
- Flashlight
- Blanket for holding a fearful pet
- Photos of pets in case you are separated
- Photocopies of medical records and a waterproof container with a supply of any medicine your pet requires

Additional Considerations

- Conforming bandage (3"x 5")
- Absorbent gauze pads (4"x 4")
- Absorbent gauze roll (3" x 1 yard)
- Cotton tipped applicators
- Antiseptic wipes
- Emollient cream
- Tweezers & scissors
- Instant cold pack
- Latex disposable gloves

STEP 4: Evacuation Preparations

Time is of the essence when you must evacuate your home during a disaster. To minimize evacuation time, take these simple steps:

- Store an emergency kit and leashes as close to an exit as possible.
- Make sure all pets are collared with current identification. Tag should contain name, telephone and medical information or for more permanent identification, microchip your pet. Call your local shelter for details.
- Always bring pets indoors at the first warning of a storm.
- Consider your evacuation route and call ahead to make arrangements boarding your pet outside of the disaster area.

STEP 5: Geographic/Climate Considerations

If you live in an area prone to certain natural disasters like flooding, tornadoes, or earthquakes plan accordingly.

- In advance, locate rooms in your home that offer protection like rooms in the center of your home, no windows, etc.
- Choose easy-to-clean areas like utility rooms, bathrooms or basements as safe zones
- Access to a supply of fresh water is highly important. If you lose electricity, fill up bathtubs and sinks ahead of time to ensure you will have access to water.
- In the event of flooding, look for the highest location in your home, or for a room with access to counters or high shelves where your animals can take shelter.

OTHER ANIMALS



Birds should be transported in secure travel cage or carrier. In cold weather, make certain you have a blanket over the cage.

This may also help reduce the stress of traveling. In warm weather, carry a spray bottle to moisten your bird's feathers periodically. Have photos available and leg bands on for identification. If the carrier does not have a perch, line it with paper towels and change those frequently. Keep the carrier in as quiet an area as possible. It is particularly imperative that birds eat on a daily basis, so have plenty of feed on hand.



Snakes and lizards may be transported in a pillowcase, but you should have permanent and secure housing for them when they reach a safe place. Take a bowl of water with you that is large enough for soaking, and also bring a heating pad.