- Animal First Aid Kit (don't forget to add the basic human first aid kit too).
- Disaster kit - maintain disaster preparedness supply kit for each of your animals. Have kit in a waterresistant pack, with bright colors and bold letters, including the pet's name. Make sure kit is easy to carry and close to home exit. Laminate paper items or store in airtight plastic bags. Refer to Pet Information for Ready-Pak.
- Veterinary Information - Vet's name, phone number, address. Should also include vaccination and medical records. Store these in a waterproof plastic bag or container. Make sure you include an alternate vet, if possible.
- Veterinary Disaster Plan - find out if your vet has a disaster plan and what it is. This will help you know where and how to reach your vet if your pet need emergency treatment.
- Written release for vet care - in the event of a disaster, you may not be available to make care decisions.
- Vaccinations - keep them current, as they will be needed for boarding purposes. Make sure they have had the Bordatella vaccine to help prevent "kennel cough."
- Medications and dosing instructions - mark on calendar to cycle meds before they expire. Keep at least a one-week supply on hand; and don't forget hairball paste for the cats.
- Pet's Behavior - note your pet's normal daily behavior and also the animal's behavior when it is stressed. This will help others who need to handle your pet.
- Current photographs - include the owners with the animal. Try to take photos from different angles and include a description of identifying marks. Include at least 10 copies of the photos so that you can distribute them to shelters in the event your pet becomes lost. You might even consider making up some "lost" posters just in case.
- Current ID tags - on animal collars and/or microchip. Include out-of-state family or friend's phone number. Daily medications should be included on tags.
- Sturdy animal carriers - one for each animal and make sure it is large enough for them to stand, turn around and lay down in. Airport carriers are best for transporting, while the wire collapsible cages and exercise pens are better once the animal is stationary. Keep the carriers/kennels/crates in an easy to reach place. Familiarize your animal with carrier or cage before an emergency. Practice crate training with your pet(s). A pillowcase can be used to evacuate a cat quickly but must be placed in a carrier as soon as possible.
- Sturdy leashes, collars, or harnesses - keep handy for each animal. Break-away collars prevent the pet from choking if it becomes attached to something. Keep extra collars, ID tags and leashes in your car. Including a yard/tether stake with cable is a good idea for a dog.
- Muzzle - cage muzzle or soft collapsible muzzle are best. (A gauze roll can be temporary muzzle.) Practice putting muzzles on your pet during play time.
- Portable radio and extra batteries.
- Two weeks' supply of food and water - 1 gallon of water per day for 40-pound dog and 1 quart of water per day per cat. Rotate food and water every 3-6 months. Check manufacturer's expiration date. Put a spoon or scoop in with the food and store them in an airtight container. Include any special feeding instructions for your pet. A good source of water would be to fill a bathtub and sink with water in case service is disrupted.
- Manual can opener and attach extra spoons.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavioral problems and name and number of vet if you have to board or place your animals in foster care.
- Contact hotels and motels outside your area that are animal friendly or would waive their pet policy during an emergency. Identify friends, relatives, kennels/boarding facilities and veterinary clinics that your animals might be able stay with if there is a disaster.
- Window decals - place in your window identifying the number and types of pets you have. If you evacuate and take your pets, leave a note so that rescuers won't be looking for them.
- Pet treats - include the kinds that your pet likes to reduce stress.
- Animal beds and toys (something they are familiar with and has their scent) - reduces stress and can be taken easily. Leaving an article of your clothing or something with your scent during your absence is comforting and may help with separation anxiety.
- Extra blankets
- Cage liners - disposable puppy training pads or washable liners/ pads - seven (7) day supply. Also used for privacy towel for over the crate/carrier
- Non-spill, heavy food and water bowls.
- Cat litter box - can be made out of a small cardboard box.
- Cat litter scoop
- Clumping litter (unscented)
- Newspapers - for cage liners and can be used for splints.
- Paper towels
- Grooming items - brushes, combs, dry shampoo, flea treatment, scissors and nail clippers.
- Household bleach, cleaners, disinfectants and antibacterial dish soap - for cleaning crates and litter boxes.
- Plastic bags and scoopers - for waste disposal (also use a garden spade or child's shovel).
- Plastic garbage bags - 13 gallon and 30 gallon
- Towels, sheets, plastic sheets or sheeting.
- Buddy system - in case you're not home when disaster strikes, ask a trusted neighbor to check on your animals. Exchange vet information and file a permission slip with the vet authorizing them to get emergency treatment for your animal if you cannot be located. Make sure your neighbor has a house key and is willing to take care of your pets. Make sure they are comfortable with your pets and understand their behavior under normal and stressful circumstances. Make sure they have met your pets prior to the disaster. Choose a specific location to meet if you are unable to return home after the disaster. They should also have another contact number to reach you if your designated meeting place is not available.


## Specific Animal Supplies for Ready-Paks

## Special Needs for All Animals:

List of special markings on animal
Photos of animal(s) with owners (show special markings)
Vet records
Animal medications, including dosage and schedule
Bedding (pads, pellets, shavings, sheets, towels)
Dietary Supplements with directions for use, if given

## Specific for Dogs:

## Blankets

Cage/Kennel liners
Collars with ID (No chain collars)
Crates or portable kennels (small, medium, large)

Manual can opener
Newspapers
Plastic bags for waste
Stakes \& tie-outs to be used for kennels/cages
Shovels (garden type, long handled and folding)
Food and Water dishes or pails (heavy, no-spill type)

Leashes, harness (include gentle-leader type)
Muzzles/ropes for muzzles
Pooper-scooper or garden shovel
Disposable poop bags

Dry \& wet dog food (small pop-top cans)
Specific for Cats:
Cat carriers, crates or kennels (small, medium)
Cat (wildlife) gloves
Collars with ID tags
Towels to handle frightened or injured cats

## Specific for Horses:

Feed for one-week (minimum)
Gallon barrels for food and water
Bolt cutters
Fly spray and/or mask
Grooming brush, shaving
Hoof picks, knife, and nippers
Horse blanket or sheet \& vest (2-week supply)
Horse first aid kit
Leather gloves
Leg wraps
Lime powder
Muck buckets or wheelbarrow
Non-nylon leads, halters and shanks

## Special ID for Horses and Livestock:

Bill of Sale or documentation to prove ownership
Braiding ID information into the mane
ID tags (neck, legs, and ears)

Treats \& Toys
Litter (1-week supply)
Litter pans - small, fold-out box or disposable baking tin Plastic litter pan liners

Pitchfork (manure fork or long shovel)
Portable corrals
Rope or lariat
Salt licks
Shavings for bedding (one-week supply)
Super Mask
Tarpaulins
Tie out rope
Toys
Tub trugs with tail tamers
Twitch
Vet supplies
Water buckets (metal \& firm, flexible plastic)

Livestock crayons (mark name, address and phone on coat
Use clippers to shave information into the coat

## Specific for Birds:

Evacuation cage (can't chew through) or enclosed carrier Heavy towels (cover cage to keep warm)
Cage materials (bedding, perches, water, food trays, toys)
Flashlight/extra batteries (regulate light hours)
Long-handled net/w small openings (can't get head through) Plant mister
Treats

## Specifics for Small Animals:

(Ferrets, hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, guinea pigs, etc.)
Exercise equipment
Extra bedding
Secure cage, covered
Supply of food (one-week supply)

## Specific for Reptiles and Amphibians: (Herptiles)

Bag of sand Dechlorinator drops

Battery-operated heat lamp/extra batteries
Pellet food
Cage, secure container or enclosed carrier (one that fits) Plant mister
(Pillowcase can be used to transport snakes, but must be moved to secure housing ASAP)
Cage accessories (bowls for water and lying in, moss, rocks, hiding box, and liners)
Fruit and vegetables (fresh, frozen, canned or baby food. Remember - "no salt added")

## Special Supplies for Reptiles and Amphibians: (Herptiles)

Evacuation case - temperature regulated (small aquarium, solid walled cage or plastic critter case)
Sterilized leaves, sphagnum moss, river sand, potting soil (no chemicals)
Artificial turf
Pine chips
Substrates (floor coverings - arid or tropical environments)
Linoleum
Butcher paper
Electric cords (if electricity available for aquatic heaters \& air pumps)
Bowl or flowerpot (turned over) for hiding
Slope or step to climb out of water
Calcium/vitamin supplements
Medications and dosage instructions
First aid book for reptiles/amphibians
Cleaning supplies (soap \& water only)
Spray bottles
Towels for covering cage
Plain newsprint paper
Pliers and wire (necessary for repairs)

## PET INFORMATION FOR READY PAK



1. Include photo of your pet with your family members in the photo for proof of ownership!
2. Attach a copy of your pet's vaccination record (keep all documents in waterproof bags)!
3. Have a decal or sticker in your window identifying numbers of animals inside your home and emergency contact numbers!
