

GENERAL TIPS BEFORE A DISASTER STRIKES

If we look at the things on the inside of this brochure, most people would say that it is impossible to get all of this ready for everyone in the household; however, here are a few tips that will make it easier to do:

- ✦ Every time you go to the store, drug store, or pet supply, take your list with you and buy just one or two items. Before long, you will have everything.
- ✦ Remember to rotate the “perishable” supplies like medications, ointments, etc. Check their expiration date before you buy them and every time you reset your clock for Daylight Savings time.
- ✦ Rotate the dry animal food every time you buy a new bag or at least when you rotate the meds.
- ✦ Rotate the water at least every six months or as above.
- ✦ Here are some helpful sites to visit for more information on animal preparedness for disasters:
 - <http://www.scart.us>
 - <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/emergency-care/pets-and-disasters>
 - <https://www.avma.org/resources/pet-owners/emergencycare/large-animals-and-livestock-disasters>
 - <https://www.avma.org/resources/pet-owners/emergencycare/wildfire-smoke-and-animals>



SCART (SoCal Animal Response Team)

18685-101 Main St., PMB 458
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

www.scart.us

A Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Corporation
Tax ID # 59-3821545

SCART

FAMILY AND ANIMAL PREPAREDNESS



*Education On and
Response To
Animal Needs in
Disasters*

ARE YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND ANIMALS PREPARED?

We have no idea when the next disaster will strike us, our cities, counties, states or nation; it might be tomorrow, next week, next month or a year from now. Only Mother Nature has control over this. However, we do know that one will strike, and we need to prepare and be ready for whatever comes our way. Planning ahead is the best way to keep yourself and your animals safe during a disaster. Remember: In the event of a disaster, *if you must evacuate* because it is unsafe, it is equally *unsafe for your pets – so **Never Leave Them Behind.***

Below are some suggestions for things to have ready BEFORE the next disaster strikes. (For detailed info. see the complete disaster plan by SCART at their website.)

Have a disaster *Ready-Pak* kit for each family member, including each animal, with essentials for at least a two-week period.

Each should include the following:

❖ Family Member:

- Food & snacks (rotate)
- Water (rotate)
- Flashlight w/extra batteries
- Identification
- Cash money - small bills/coin
- Sturdy shoes – tennis, hiking
- Sweater or jacket
- Medications (rotate)
- Hat, sunscreen, toiletries
- Radio, cell phone or FRS
- First aid/survival supplies

❖ For Each Dog or Cat:

- ID information
- Picture of pet with family
- Vaccination records
- Veterinarian information
- Medication w/dosage (rotate)
- Animal first aid kit w/book
- Extra leash, collar or harness
- Muzzle
- Carrier, crate and/or kennel
- Food for 2 weeks (rotate)
- Water for 2 weeks (rotate)
- Manual can opener
- Food and water bowls
- Plastic bags for poop
- Cat litter and box
- Plastic garbage bags
- Towels and/or sheets
- Toys and chew items/treats
- Emergency phone numbers
- Out of State Contact numbers

❖ Birds and Reptiles:

- Above items that apply
- Evacuation cage w/cover
- Newspaper or sand
- Bleach or cleaner for cages
- Flashlight w/extra batteries for controlling light
- Battery-operated heat lamp w/extra batteries

❖ Horses & Livestock:

- Above items that apply
- Halter, lead, and shanks
- Evacuation trailer
- Blankets
- Leg wraps
- Water buckets

General First Aid Kit for Animals

ASPCA Poison Control: (888) 426-4435
Animal first aid handbook
Vet Wrap (non fur pulling adhesive)
Antibiotic ointment for pets
Eyedropper (non-glass)
Baking soda (small container)
Eye lubricant for pets
Eyewash for pets
Gauze sponges and pads
Gloves (medical type)
Glucose paste or corn syrup
Nail clippers and scissors
Grooming clippers or safety razor
Needle-nosed pliers
Sterile dressing pads (all sizes)
Petroleum jelly
Rubbing alcohol
Soap
Splint material
Styptic powder
Rectal or pet thermometer
Vinegar (small container)
Sterile water for flushing wounds
Muzzle
Pocketknife
Matches and penlight
Towels and clean cloths
Notebook, pens & pencils
Extra leashes
Ice packs

