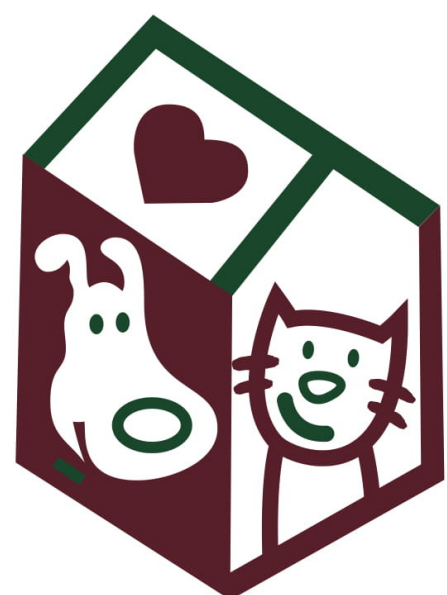


Prepare Your Pets for Disasters



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To prepare for the unexpected, keep your pets in mind as you follow these tips:

Make a Plan

Being prepared for a potential emergency or evacuation will reduce stress for you and your pets.

- Have copies of your pet's vaccination record, make sure your pet is microchipped and wearing tags
- Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure someone is available to evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.
- Know where to go with your pet during an evacuation. Check with local animal shelters, hotels and acquaintances to see who will take pets.

Build an Emergency Kit

- Food and water (several days' supply of both) in an airtight, waterproof container
- Medicine and a first aid kit
- Backup collar with ID tag and a harness or leash
- Traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier for each pet
- A picture of you and your pet together
- Grooming and sanitation items as well as familiar items like toys and bedding

Stay Informed

- Sign up for emergency alerts from Gila County Everbridge (www.readygila.com/everbridge)
- Download the FEMA app (fema.gov) to get weather alerts for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.
- EVACUATE EARLY

Tips for Large Animals

- Ensure all animals have some form of identification.
- Evacuate animals earlier, whenever possible. Map out primary and secondary routes in advance.
- Make available vehicles and trailers needed for transporting and supporting each type of animal. Also make available experienced handlers and drivers.
- Ensure destinations have food, water, veterinary care and handling equipment.
- If evacuation is not possible, animal owners must decide whether to move large animals to a barn or turn them loose outside.