



## Emergency Preparedness for Pets

The following steps will help keep your pets safe when you need to evacuate with your animal(s):

- 1 Make sure each animal wears a collar and identification tag at all times. You may become separated from your pet.
- 2 Invest in a sturdy crate or carrier for emergency transport.
- 3 Have a strong leash or harness.
- 4 Bring food and water for at least 72 hours (4L/day per average dog, 1L/day per average cat).
- 5 Bring bowls and can opener for food.
- 6 Take along newspapers, paper towels, plastic bags, litter, and/or litter box.
- 7 Bring medical records, special medications, dosage, and veterinarian's contact information.
- 8 Bring a pet file (including recent photos of the animal, your emergency numbers, contact information for friends who could house your pet, copies of any licenses, and vaccination records).
- 9 Bring a blanket and toy.

## Pet Evacuation Plan

The best way to protect your pet in an emergency is to bring it with you. However, many evacuation shelters will only accept service animals. Make a list of where your pet can be taken in case you need to be evacuated and there is no room at the evacuation shelter.

This list can include:

- 1 Hotels accepting animals during an emergency
- 2 Boarding centres and animal shelters
- 3 Animal clinics and hospitals
- 4 Family members and friends

## During an Emergency

- 1 Keep your pet inside during severe weather. Animals are very sensitive to sudden changes in temperature and often isolate themselves when scared.
- 2 Separate cats and dogs. Keep smaller pets such as hamsters away from larger animals. Stress can lead to unusual behavior.
- 3 Keep newspaper inside for hygiene purposes and feed your pet wet food in order to reduce the amount of water they may need.

## Pets and Shelter

During an extended power outage or other emergency, you may be required to bring your pet to an emergency reception centre. Pet owners should prepare to:

- 1 Remain with their pets while they are in the shelter.
- 2 Provide a crate for each pet.
- 3 Stay in control of your leashed pet while outside of its crate.
- 4 Care for their pets: providing food, water and waste clean-up.

For more information, please visit [www.fredericton.ca/EMO](http://www.fredericton.ca/EMO)



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