

# Are You Prepared?

## Pet Emergency Preparedness Packet



This emergency preparedness packet prepared for: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

No one can predict Mother Nature and at anytime your family, home, and pets could be in danger. Here in the Carolinas we are prone to flooding, hurricanes, snow, ice, and a number of other natural occurrences that interrupt daily life. What will you do to protect your pet during an emergency or natural disaster? Your friends at Town & Country would like to help you prepare your family and pets for an emergency situation in the event of a natural disaster.

### PET IDENTIFICATION

In the event of an emergency, pet identification is extremely important. A microchip implanted under your pet's skin can be a permanent form of identification, one that is readily accessible by veterinarians, pet shelters, and other pet care providers nationwide. The national registry allows owners to search for a pet with a microchip when they become separated from their family. However, even if your pet has a microchip, your pet's collar is still the most important form of identification. A collar with accurate ID tags that include the pet's name, owner's name, and owner's phone numbers as well as their current rabies tag is easily readable by anyone who may come across your pet.

### RECENT MEDICAL RECORDS / VACCINATION HISTORY

Your pet's most recent vaccination information is essential in the event of an emergency. According to the "No Pet Left Behind" legislation passed by Congress in October 2006, shelters caring for evacuees are required by federal law to not turn away pet owners bringing in pets and should have a location to keep evacuees' pets adjacent to the human shelter. These shelters will require proof of your pet's vaccinations before they are allowed to stay. Boarding facilities must also meet these requirements. Many times the last receipt you received at checkout from your veterinarian's office will contain all the information you will need.

### EMERGENCY KIT ITEMS

In your pet's emergency preparedness kit, it is extremely important to include the following:

- food and water bowls,
- a can opener,
- at least 1 week's worth of food and water,
- a litter box and litter for cats,
- at least 1 week's worth of medications,
- leash,
- cleaning supplies,
- your pet's vaccination records.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Lastly, a list of important phone numbers including your pet's boarding kennel, veterinarian, and pet friendly hotels where you can easily access them can help your family in the event of an emergency is included on the back. You may also keep the contact information for a secondary boarding kennel, veterinarian, and local animal shelters.



# Emergency Check List



- 1) ID tag (name pet/owner & phone number)
- 2) Collar / leash
- 3) Microchip and register
- 4) Current medical records / vaccine records (especially Rabies for all pets)
- 5) Vet name and phone number
- 6) Pet carrier (don't forget the cat!)
- 7) Food (in an air-tight, dry container -- enough for 7 days)
- 8) Water (1/2 gallon per day for 7 days)
- 9) Medications (minimum 1 week worth)
- 10) Cleaning agents (waste removal bags / paper towels / sanitary wipes)

### **Additional Important number to have handy**

SPCA Lost & Found	919-772-3203
Apex Animal Control	919-250-1475
Wake Country Animal Control	919-212-7387
Triangle Red Cross	919-231-1602
Poison Control	800-222-1222
FEMA	800-621-2262

### **Local Boarding Kennel**

Town & Country Animal Care Center  
2010 North Salem Street,  
Apex, NC 27523  
(919) 387-7833

### **Local Veterinarian**

Town & Country Veterinary Hospital  
2010 North Salem Street,  
Apex, NC 27523  
(919) 363-6363

### **Alternative Veterinarian:**

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