

Medical Records

NAME: _____ BREED: _____

AGE: _____ PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: _____

INOCULATIONS OR TITRES:

Type	Date Given	Date Due
RABIES	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS (if any)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS/CONTACTS

LOCAL VET: _____

EMERGENCY VET: _____

FAMILY CONTACT: _____

ARLINGTON ANIMAL SHELTER: 703-931-9241

NATIONAL ANIMAL POISON CONTROL CENTER: 1-888-426-4435

MISSING PETS: [www.missingpet](http://www.missingpet.com)



Consider Volunteering

Noah's Wish: www.noahs-wish.org

Emergency Animal Rescue:

www.emergencyanimalrescue.org



Pets in An Emergency

This publication is a compilation of materials available through a wide variety of organizations. It is meant only as a starting point. It does not provide definitive information on safety, housing and caring for animals in an emergency. Pet owners are encouraged to conduct further research on services available for animals should an emergency situation occur in Arlington.

Emergency Response for Animals

In an emergency — whether a house fire, a chemical spill necessitating evacuation, or any other situation where you and your pet can no longer remain in your home — it is important to understand that Red Cross shelters do not accept pets, other than service animals. Many hotels do not, and not all veterinarians offer boarding services.

Providing for your animal(s) is the responsibility of those of us who own and love our pets. Some of the questions to which we individually need answers are:

- Is my pet's identification information current?
- Have I made lodging arrangements for my pet — with family, friends, or have I identified commercial establishments that will house my pet?
- Supplies are an important consideration. Have I packed what my pet needs away from home?
- Medical considerations are essential. Are my pet's inoculations up to date? Do I have a record of important health considerations? Is it readily available?
- What if I can't get home because of an emergency. Have arrangements been made with a neighbor or friend to take care of my pet until I can return?

The United States has a long history of tragedy involving companion animals during emergency situations. Animals roaming communities not only encounter threats to their own well-being but also threaten public health and safety. Be part of the solution — not the problem.

Supplies for Pets

The following supply list is based on domestic cats or dogs. It **must** be tailored to your individual animal and his or her customary needs.

- Water and a container from which to drink. Travel bottles for dogs and cats are commercially available and inexpensive.
- Food. It is important to have a supply of food that your pet is accustomed to eating. A bowl.
- Collar and identification tag. Consider developing a tag with information that can locate you away from home.
- Extra leash and collar—useful for control and for muzzling if necessary since animals behave differently in an emergency.
- Regular medications (flea and tick; heartworm).
- Medical records, including a copy of the rabies certificate, (required by some commercial establishments) and prescription medications. A pet first aid kit and pet first aid book*.
- Proof of ownership — registration information, adoption records, proof of purchase, microchip information, a picture of you with your pet.
- Carriers or collapsible crates or Evacsak (for small animals only, available at 1-800-338-ACES).
- Sanitation supplies—plastic bags, detergent and paper towels for washing bowls, etc.
- Comfort foods — treats that your animal is accustomed to eating.
- Favorite toys.

* Consider taking the Red Cross Pet First Aid Course.

Other Sources of Information:

Disaster Psychology for Animals:

www.cyberpet.com/cyberdog/articles/general/artad3d.htm

HSUS: www.hsus.org/ace/14415

United Animal Nations

Disaster Preparedness Shopping List for Reptiles/Amphibians

www.uan.org/ears/reptile.html.

Disaster Preparedness Shopping List for Birds

www.uan.org/ears/bird.html.

Disaster Preparedness Shopping List for Cats

www.uan.org/ears/cat.html.

Disaster Preparedness Shopping List for Dogs

www.uan.org/ears/dog.html.

American Veterinary Medical Association

www.avma.org/press/vmat/disasterbrochure.asp

Finding a Place to Stay (preferably before a disaster!)

www.petswelcome.com