

## Emergency Pet Card

As a service to the pet owner we have developed a wallet sized card to carry information at all times regarding pets, emergency contact information, and any other critical pet support needs.

Below is the card, front and back, and it can be easily cut from this flier and filled in. Simply cut at the perimeter, fill out in the info, bend it over, and place in your wallet.

This card information can also be filled out and posted at your work area or in your vehicle glove-box. For long term safety, you can easily laminate this information as well.

Feel free to photocopy this card and distribute copies to other pet owners.



### \*\*\*\* EMERGENCY PET GUARDIAN \*\*\*\*

My pet(s) are home alone! In case of injury, illness or death please notify the following people immediately

# \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs, # \_\_\_\_\_ Cats, \* \_\_\_\_\_ (other)

DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Work/Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

MY PET SITTER'S NAME IS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

### \*\*\*VETERINARIAN/ OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACT\*\*\*

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# \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs, # \_\_\_\_\_ Cats, \* \_\_\_\_\_ (other)

VETERINARIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER EMERGENCY

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Planning with NAPPS

Our guide has been written to address most of the severe weather conditions common around the world including tornados, hurricanes, floods, winter storms, heat, wildfires, earthquakes, and volcanoes.

Please contact your local NAPPS representative for additional information on emergency planning or make additional suggestions at any time.



## Learn More!

The Emergency Planning Guide for Pet Owners is a 19 page guide that is free to the public and can be easily downloaded from the NAPPS website. It is referenced on the front page of the site located at [petsitters.org](http://petsitters.org).

This document is in Adobe Acrobat "PDF" format and will download in about 20 seconds on high speed connections and at the most 2 minutes on a dial-up connection. The document which is viewable and printable by any computer and can be digitally saved to your computer for future use .



### EMERGENCY PLANNING GUIDE FOR PET OWNERS

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## EMERGENCY PLANNING QUICK REFERENCE FOR PET OWNERS AND PET SITTERS



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in professional pet sitting.*  
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Please use this guide only as a quick reference for NAPPS clients. In-depth emergency procedures are in the "Emergency Planning Guides" downloadable from the NAPPS website:

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## Emergency Planning

How can you get started with emergency preparedness? The following are some guidelines for a successful preparedness plan. You should start by thinking of the possible disasters that could hit your area.

- When developing your family plan add specific plans for your pets.
- Assign each family member a pet to locate and care for.
- Decide where you will go and pick a meeting place for your family in case of separation.
- Think of whom you can call outside your area. An out-of-state contact can be helpful if communications are down in a disaster zone. Let this contact know your disaster plan and family meeting place should you be evacuated.
- The best emergency plans include many people and systems that can back each other up. Please include family, friends, neighbors, your veterinarian, and pet sitter.
- Contact hotels and motels in advance to check which ones accepts pets as well as local humane societies and emergency clinics.
- Build a phone tree. One person phones two people to see if they need help. Those two people each phone two more and so on.
- Prepare a Disaster Supply Kit
- Stay current on vaccines
- Make your home safe (or have a safe zone in your home), for your pet in a disaster.
- Accustom your pets to sudden actions as would be needed in a disaster.
- Check with your pet sitter to see what their emergency plan is for your pet. Most sitters already have emergency plans in place. Make sure you have your pet disaster kit ready and let the sitter know exactly where it is. Make sure the sitter has all your emergency information as well as your emergency contacts, so in case you are not reachable they can let someone know your pet is safe. Your pet sitter is your most valuable resource in emergency situations.



## Evacuation Plans

### IF YOU MUST EVACUATE YOUR COMMUNITY:

- The best thing is to evacuate early, if possible. This increases the likelihood that you will be able to find pet friendly arrangements. You should keep a list of pet friendly hotels/shelters in different geographic areas in order to expedite your evacuation.
- Take your pets with you. Animals left behind can easily be injured, lost, or killed. Animals left in a house can escape through broken windows or storm damaged areas and if turned loose are left to fend for themselves, which could be fatal. Additionally, it can be weeks from the time of evacuation until the time you are allowed back in the area. Find your pet relocation options. Contact your veterinarian and pet sitter to help you. They are going to be your best resource for your pets' safety.

### IF YOU DON'T EVACUATE:

- Identify a safe area in your home. Keep all dogs on leashes and cats in carriers to ensure their location. Also make sure they have their ID tags on and have your pet disaster kit with them.
- Let your emergency contacts know you will be in your home and let them know where your safe room is.
- Get a window decal rescue sticker so that rescue workers know there are pets in the home. This can be obtained from your NAPPS Professional Pet sitter.
- Under no circumstances should you ever leave a pet tied up outside or let them loose to fend for themselves. Do not leave unfamiliar foods and treats for your pet. They may overeat which leads to intestinal problems. Provide water in a heavy bowl that cannot be tipped over.
- Check your local city and county emergency management web sites for emergency pet friendly shelters where you may be able to board and remain with your pets.

## Pet Identification



The MOST important thing you can do for your pets is to buy simple ID collar tags. But, even the best collars can slip off, so the Microchip is always a recommended back-up for any pet!

## Disaster Supply Kit

Below is a short, but simple, minimum checklist for your pet should an emergency strike. Please provide this as a minimum:

- Prepare a list for each pet. Kits should be easily retrieved and kept in a water tight container.
- Crate or carrier for each pet large enough to turn around in, and cat carriers large enough for a small litter box.
- Rotate all foods into use, and replace with fresh food every two months.
- Collars and leashes for all pets (including cats) with ID, microchip number, and rabies tags on all collars.
- Pet first aid kit including bandaging material, antiseptic ointment, alcohol, gloves, tweezers, muzzle and gauze.
- Veterinarian information and vaccination records and current picture of each pet.
- Three week supply of each pets medications.
- Sedatives for pets that frighten easily.
- Disposable litter boxes with extra cat litter.
- Plastic bags, paper towels and cleaning supplies.
- Three weeks supply of food and drinking water for each pet.
- Manual can opener and food and water bowls for each pet.
- Toys or blankets your pet will find familiar.
- Towels and grooming items.
- Detailed instructions for animal care and rescue workers.
- Copy of emergency numbers and family evacuation plan.
- Flashlight and batteries.
- Finally, a simple plastic tub to carry everything for each pet helps organize in times when it is difficult to think clearly.



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