

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR PEOPLE WITH SERVICE ANIMALS OR PETS

IDs and Licenses

Make sure your service animals and pets have I.D. tags with both your home telephone number and that of a your primary out-of-town contact person. Make sure your animal's license is current.

Animal Care Plan

Plan how your pets will be cared for if you have to evacuate. Pets may not be allowed in emergency shelters, so have some animal shelters identified. Establish relationships with other animal owners in your neighborhood in case you are not home.

Pack an Emergency Kit for Service Animals

Place a kit in a pack that your animal can carry if you need to evacuate. Kit items should include:

- A bowl for water and food
- A seven-day supply of food
- A blanket for bedding
- Plastic bags and paper towels for cleaning up poop
- Neosporin for minor wounds
- A favorite toy
- An extra harness



Alternate Mobility Cues

Keep pets confined or securely leashed or harnessed during and after a disaster. Be prepared to use alternative ways to negotiate your environment.

Checklist

- Make sure ID tags and license are current
- Create a care plan for your animal
- Be prepared to function without assistance from your service animal. Practice emergency drills using alternate mobility cues
- Assemble an emergency kit for your service animal

