



# Be Prepared!

We urge pet owners to **prepare today** and help reduce the amount of stress you and your companion animal will go through when disaster strikes. Shelters and government agencies will be involved in disaster relief, but will not be able to care for all animals impacted by a disaster. **Are you and your pets ready?** How many of our eight disaster prep boxes can you check as “completed.”

- Keep ID current!** Pets with outdated tags (or no tags) cannot be reunited with owners. When you move or change phone numbers, update your pet’s tag! Personalized tags are available at PHS/SPCA and most pet supply stores.
- Double up on ID.** In addition to wearing an ID tag, your pet should be microchipped. This form of ID cannot fall off. You can “chip” your pet at PHS/SPCA, no appointment necessary, for \$30.
- Have two current photos of your pet,** in case you need to post “Lost Pet” flyers, and create a one-page document describing his/her diet, medicines, unusual behaviors, aversions and distinguishing features.
- Establish two friends (one local, one out-of-the-area) who can help** care for your pet in the event of a disaster. The neighbor should be someone you trust with a copy of your house key. The out-of-area friend should be willing to house your pet for up to a week. Human shelters (i.e.those set-up by Red Cross) cannot house pets.
- Secure your house inside and out.** Repair or replace loose fence boards or gates before the big storm hits and earthquake-proof any tall furniture.
- Familiarize your pet with a carrier or crate,** as you may need to use one to transport your pet during an emergency. If you associate the crate or carrier with something positive (i.e. trips to the dog park), your pet will be more comfortable when you need to use it.
- Create your own “human” disaster prep kit.** If you can’t help yourself, you won’t be able to help your pet. For ideas or more information, visit [www.72hours.org](http://www.72hours.org).
- Keep a short list of pet-friendly hotels where you live or where you plan to travel.** Some chains, including Motel 6, are “pet friendly.”

**Please review our disaster supply list  
on the reverse side and see how PHS/SPCA is prepared  
to help displaced pets in San Mateo County**

## Your pet's first-aid kit should include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> first-aid book          | <input type="checkbox"/> adhesive tape       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tweezers                | <input type="checkbox"/> hydrogen peroxide   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gauze bandages and pads | <input type="checkbox"/> cotton swabs        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> scissors                | <input type="checkbox"/> antibiotic ointment |

## Pet supplies to have on-hand and packed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> plastic pet carrier/crate       | <input type="checkbox"/> leash   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> one-week supply of pet food     | <input type="checkbox"/> can opener  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> water                           | <input type="checkbox"/> any/all regular medications                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bowls for food & water          | <input type="checkbox"/> blanket/bedding and towel                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> plastic bags for waste disposal | <input type="checkbox"/> pet's favorite treats<br>(to entice when scared/stressed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> disinfectants                   | <input type="checkbox"/> newspapers/paper towels                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> comb/brush                      | <input type="checkbox"/> litter (for cats)   |

## Also, remember...

- Unvaccinated pets are at risk for contracting diseases when housed with other animals
- Keep address/phone numbers of Emergency Clinics and pet-friendly hotels
- Visit PHS/SPCA or your local shelter as soon as you and your pet are separated
- When cats are caught up in disasters (i.e. an earthquake) they tend to hide, while dogs see an open door, or broken fence and flee

## Contacts:

**Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**  
12 Airport Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94401  
650/340-7022; open 11 am to 7 pm M-F and  
11 am to 6 pm Sat. & Sun.  
[www.PHS-SPCA.org](http://www.PHS-SPCA.org)

**North Peninsula Emergency Vet Clinic**  
227 Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94401  
650/348-2575



This trailer is stocked with supplies that will allow PHS/SPCA staff to establish a temporary shelter in San Mateo County for displaced pets. We have **two** disaster-ready trailers and are creating a third. Our year-end goal is to have **four** trailers positioned in San Mateo County, adjacent to Red Cross sites for humans; one trailer each for the north, south, central and coastal areas of our County.