

IN THE LAST UPDATE, we described the importance of creating a Family Emergency Plan. As important members of your family, your pets should be a key part of that plan. Having the basics for survival in hand are core to all plans. . . but here are some tips specific to the four-legged members of your household.

Know what to do with your pet during an evacuation. Not all public shelters and hotels allow pets inside, so identify a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen.

Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Share your information with them, as well as an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.

Add the L.A. Dept of Animal Services to your mobile contacts in case you get separated from your pet: 888-452-7381. The North Central shelter that serves Franklin Hills is at 3201 Lacy St. in Cypress Park.

Prepare your pet's emergency kit, and refresh it regularly:

- Food and water - at least several days' supply
- Store food in an airtight, waterproof container, and have a water bowl handy
- Medicine - an extra supply of the medicine in a waterproof container
- Backup collar with ID tag and a harness or leash (National Pet ID Week begins in April)
- Registration, vaccination record, adoption and/or microchip info
- A photo of you and your pet(s) together
- To document ownership and help others to identify your pet
- Familiar items - favorite toys, treats, bedding
- Traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier for each pet
- Grooming items - pet shampoo and towel
- Sanitation supplies - pet litter, litter box, scooper and trash bags

More info is at Ready.gov/pets.

If you are confident you have done everything possible to prepare yourself, then there is nothing to fear. - Michael Jordan

## Pet Supply Checklist

## Pet Preparedness

Try to have a 14 day supply of food and water supply. Keep iterns in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily.


