

Pets and Disaster

If you evacuate, the best way to protect your pets is to evacuate them, too. Leaving pets behind, even if you try to create a safe place for them, is likely to result in them being injured, lost or worse.

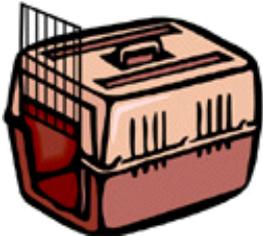


Have a safe place to take your pets

The Humane Society can provide helpful information about pets during a time of disaster.



- Keep a list of “pet friendly” places, including phone numbers. Ask if “no pet” policies could be waived in an emergency at hotels, motels or a friend’s apartment.



- Ask relatives, friends or others outside the affected area if they could shelter your animals in their homes.
- Bring all pets into the house when an emergency begins so that you won’t have to search for them if you have to leave in a hurry.



- Make sure all dogs and cats are wearing collars and securely fastened, up-to-date identification.

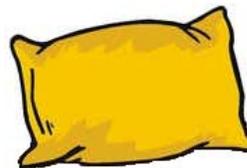
Birds should be transported in a secure travel carrier. Provide a few slices of fresh fruits and vegetables with high water content. Have a photo for identification and leg bands.



Bring plenty of paper towels or newspaper to collect waste in the bottom of the bird’s cage.

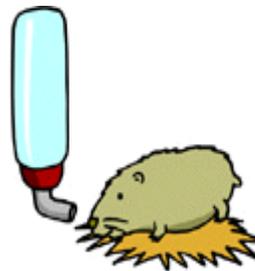


Snakes can be transported in a pillowcase but they must be transferred to more secure housing when they reach the evacuation site.



Take a water bowl large enough for soaking as well as a heating pad.

When transporting **house lizards**, follow the same directions given for birds.



Small mammals (hamsters, gerbils, etc.) should be transported in secure carriers. Take bedding materials, food bowls and water bottles.

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