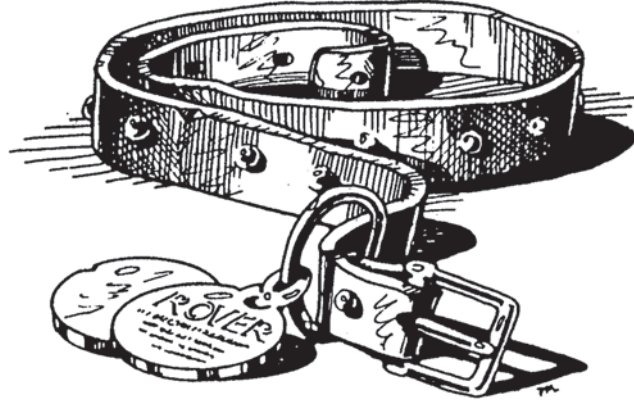


WHO WILL PROTECT YOUR PET?



DISASTERS AFFECT ANIMALS TOO.

In California, we are used to planning for disasters such as earthquakes, fires and floods although we hope it won't happen to us. But have you included your pets in your emergency preparations? Here are some points to consider:

1. Include pet food in your emergency food supply. A minimum of a week's worth of food is recommended. Don't forget to plan for large animals such as horses and cattle.
2. Be sure to store enough water for your pet as well as your family. At least 2 quarts per day per person/pet is recommended. (20-30 gallons per day per horse is needed.)
3. Always keep dog licenses or identification tags on your pets - even those who stay indoors. In fires, earthquakes, or other natural disasters, pets may be left behind or forgotten. Frightened animals run blindly with fear and may end up far from home. Licenses and ID tags may help your pet be returned to you. Proof of ownership such as bill of sales or photographs may be required to reclaim horses.
4. Consider putting a pet alert sticker on an outside window to alert emergency workers to the presence of pets in your home. Do Not use the alert stickers for children as a substitute or valuable time may be wasted looking for children instead.
5. Be aware that even family pets may bite when they are frightened.
6. Keep a leash or rope handy to restrain or remove your pet. During an emergency, it may not hear or respond to voice commands.
7. Make arrangements now to trailer and move large animals in an emergency. Many neighbors coordinate efforts to move everyone safely. You may not be able to use local animal agencies for assistance because of more critical priorities.
8. Know the numbers for the local animal shelters in case you do lose a pet. There is a good chance it may be turned in.

PLANNING IS THE KEY FOR SURVIVAL IN AN EMERGENCY!

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