

# PALO ALTO ANIMAL SERVICES

## Disaster Preparedness Guide

### Key Contacts:

#### **Palo Alto Animal Shelter:**

(Serving the communities of Palo Alto, Los Altos, & Los Altos Hills)

3281 E. Bayshore Rd.  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

650-496-5971

(In the instance a mobile animal shelter has been deployed, contact Palo Alto Police Dispatch or The Red Cross for locations)

#### **Palo Alto Police & Animal Control:**

650-329-2413

#### **Los Altos Police:**

650-947-2770

#### **Los Altos Hills Sheriff:**

408-299-2311

#### **American Red Cross SV:**

877-727-6771



This will serve as a guide to prepare for your pets during a disaster or an emergency situation. You should become familiar with the local emergency response procedures for your local animal shelter, veterinarians, police/fire, and your neighbors. Keep in mind; you may need to provide for your family and animals for a minimum of 3-7 days even in the best of situations.

Prepare a personal disaster plan before it happens; discuss with your neighbors and family/friends, and then test the plan. Identify potential sites to move your family and animals, if necessary, and plan on how you would get there. If at all possible, identify a neighbor that is familiar with your pets that could assist in their care if you were not at home or unable to return to your home.

*"Emergency Kit" (Keep in a waterproof, light weight container):*

**Food & Water:** Store at least a 2 week supply of canned and/or dry pet food (remember to monitor dated shelf-life) and drinking water and rotate as necessary.

**Pet Supplies:** Keep collars/leashes, carriers accessible.

Two bowls per animal (unbreakable)

Manual can opener, metal spoon

Blanket/soft bedding

Carrier/crate(s) - plus a cover or tarp for weather protection

Plastic bags for feces disposal/clean up - Newspapers

Litter box and small bag of cat litter

Favorite toy

Battery operated fan

**Documents/Medical** (per animal keep in a zip lock plastic bag)

Rabies vaccination certificate & other vaccination records

Copy of dog license certificate; Microchip number

Color photo taken within the last year

Name, address, phone number of veterinarian

Two week supply of any medications, labeled

\*If you have made a pre-designated person to care for your pet, have their contact information readily available and a signed release authorization.

## Large Animals:

If you have large animals such as horses, cattle, sheep, goats or pigs on your property, be sure to prepare before a disaster.

- Ensure all animals have some form of identification.
- Evacuate animals whenever possible. Map out primary and secondary routes in advance.
- Make available vehicles and trailers needed for transporting and supporting each type of animal. Also make available experienced handlers and drivers. **Note:** It is best to allow animals a chance to become accustomed to vehicular travel so they are less frightened and easier to move.
- Ensure destinations have food, water, veterinary care and handling equipment.
- If evacuation is not possible, animal owners must decide whether to move large animals to shelter or turn them outside



## More Information

If you would like more information on disaster planning for you and your pets, go to these websites before the disaster hits!

[cityofpaloalto.org/animalservices](http://cityofpaloalto.org/animalservices)

[losaltoshills.ca.gov/saftey-resources](http://losaltoshills.ca.gov/saftey-resources)

[Redcross.org/local/ca/san-jose](http://Redcross.org/local/ca/san-jose)

[ready.gov](http://ready.gov)

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