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An Ounce of Preparedness

When disaster strikes, you don't have time to think about what you need. The bare essentials for pets during an emergency aren't much different from those for their owners. Dogs need food, water and shelter. A travel kit is a great way to keep all of the emergency supplies in a handy, easy-to-carry case. Look for a bag that not only holds the dishes but also has pockets for toys, a leash and any medications your pet may be taking. A kennel/crate can offer a pet a sense of "home" while it's in a temporary home. It's something that is familiar to them in an unfamiliar environment. Keep a list of pet-friendly hotels placed inside the kit for easy reference should you need it. A small first-aid kit with antiseptic wash and bandages is essential if the dog is injured in the crisis. Keep an up-to-date copy of your pet's vaccinations. It is also wise for a dog owner to have the contact information for the pet's veterinarian in the kit in case of an injury or illness during an emergency. Favorite toys, treats, or a blanket can also help provide comfort to a dog experiencing anxiety and stress. So, ask yourself "Are you prepared?"

Checklist for Dog Owners

- ◇ Medications
- ◇ Travel bowls
- ◇ Crate
- ◇ Toys
- ◇ Treats
- ◇ Leash
- ◇ First-aid kit
- ◇ Small bag of food
- ◇ 72 hour supply of water
- ◇ Vet contact info
- ◇ Listing of dog friendly hotels



The Eastham Dog Owners Association and the Town of Eastham have been working together to establish an emergency pet-friendly shelter. We are interested in your comments/concerns attached shelter guidelines the Town has recently developed. We will present a summary of owner concerns to the Town for further discussion and encourage all community members to



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