preparing for disasters
great & small
WHY & HOW TO PREPARE YOUR ANIMALS

Helping You
Survive & Thrive with
Fido, Fluffy, or Ferdinand

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11/17th 1-4:30 PM
Canine Communication & Pussycat Posture: Animal Handling / Body Language
Milwaukie Community Center
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

11/24th 1-4:30 PM
Pet First Aid: Knowing What to Do When Minutes Count
Clackamas Fire District 1, TRAINING CENTER, 16100 SE 130th, Clackamas
A Few Logistics

Handouts & Resources Online*

Breaks & Restrooms

Emergency Exits
A Word of Welcome

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Plan before it's too late!
“traumatic knowledge”
“Really?!”
Lost bull turns up in Oregon City couple's yard
Animals in Emergencies for Owners
Compliments of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)

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orise.orau.gov/csepp/resources/videos/index.html
Break: See You In 10 Minutes!
Do you have adequate transport (cages, carriers, trailers, etc.)?

Train your animals till they’re comfortable ("desensitize")

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“Desensitize” Your Animals by working with them regularly
Whether You Stay or Go, Plan for Your Animals!

- If you shelter-in-place, don’t forget to bring in your animals!
- If you must evacuate, do not leave your animals behind. If it is unsafe for you to remain, then it is unsafe for your them! Don’t expect emergency shelters to accept animals! If you’re lucky they’ll co-locate.

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Where Do You Evacuate To?

- Have a plan of where to go with your animals (friends or family outside the area, boarding facilities, pet-friendly hotels, camp grounds, vet clinics, etc.)

- If you have multiple animals you may have to house them separately.

- Mark your animals (tags, chips, brands, etc.).

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dis·as·ter  [dih-zas-ter, -zah-ster]
dictionary.com defined as a calamitous event, especially one occurring suddenly and causing great loss of life, damage, or hardship.
Because Disasters are Inevitable
Survival is Optional

http://aretehs.com/ems.html

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Emergency Preparedness Checklist

The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to prepare. Use this checklist now for:

- Tornado
- Flash Flood
- Earthquake

For more information, please visit:
- info.petsit.com
- uptownupdate.com
- www.patrina.com

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“Be One With Your Inner Gumby”
Plan NOW Before Disaster Strikes

“Failing to plan is planning to fail.”
FEMA preparation mantra

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Preparation is Vital!

Don’t Think...
-the government will take care of me!
-it won’t be that bad
-I have insurance
-it will never happen to me
Reasons to have a plan:

- To protect you & yours
- To protect the safety & wellbeing of 1st responders
- To allow you to help your community directly & by reserving critical resources for:
  -- those with special needs
  -- those who are more severely impacted
The YOYO Rule

Personal or organizational Resources (YOYO)
- Local resources
- State resources
- Federal resources

Severity of Emergency

Resource needs

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Emergency Mgrs. Are Planning Too

that said...

Emergency Management Priorities In Any Incident:
• Protection of human life
• Protection of property
• Protection of the environment

Ignoring Animals:
• Can greatly impact public health & safety
• Is a matter of public safety as people risk their lives to protect their animals, putting themselves & responders’ lives at risk
• Requires the redeployment of law enforcement & first responder resources

For many people, animals are the top property priority
“72-Hour Kit” vs. "172-Hour Kit"

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Gathering Supplies

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Of Course You’ll Want Leashes & Leads

BTW: What’s potentially wrong with this picture?

HINT: Think barn fire
Storing Supplies: A Sample For You

EXAMPLE OF 4-PERSON HOME 72-HOUR KIT

5 gallon bucket with hygiene items
Add shoes & clothes
Bucket with pet supplies
Dishes, pots & pans
Battery lantern with batteries
Dry fire wood
Tent, cots, sleeping bag
Propane Lantern
Propane
Sheets, blankets, towels, & pillows
Water
Propane heater
Canned food
Sleeping bag
Camp stove & misc. items (rope, tools, matches, propane)
Extra BBQ Propane tank
Tarps

Our two vehicles have backpack 72-hour kits, first aid kits, flashlights, and extra blankets/sleeping bags.

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Documentation & ID

Include copy of your animals’ docs on the animal or its pen / cage / carrier / trailer in the event you’re not home when disaster strikes so that rescuers will have the info. easily accessible. Include pix so they know which animal is which.

A Few More Suggestions:

Pix from different angles, identifying marks, shot with you as owner
Store pix & docs in waterproof bag & on phone
Window decals (date them)
Partner with one or more neighbors
Permanent & Temporary Marking
Documentation & ID

Put together a ‘lost flyer’ now

Consider a will, power of attorney, & letter of authorization

Compliments of Animal Aid

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“To simplify the process of reuniting lost, microchipped pets with their owners, by registering every microchipped pet into a central, free, open database that is widely recognized and commonly used for the speedy recovery of missing pets.”
HOMEWORK:
Please start with just 1 step tonight because...

“The only thing harder than explaining why you need to prepare for a disaster, is having to explain why you didn’t.”
No More Excuses!

List 5-10 practical things you can do to advance your preparedness:

1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________
4. __________________________________________
5. __________________________________________
6. __________________________________________
7. __________________________________________
8. __________________________________________
9. __________________________________________
10. _________________________________________
Preparing for Everyday Emergencies

Could I Get a Volunteer?

It’s Christmas evening and your family is gathered around the dining room table enjoying a feast.

In the other room, an electrical short quickly ignites the Christmas tree.

How long do you have to douse the fire or get everyone out?

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Other Random Fire Tips

- Fighting fires
- Install alarms in barns as well as home
- Replace ‘10-year’ batteries in 5 years
- Test monthly (w/button and stick)
- Train animals at the same time
  -- Train household pets to bedroom
  -- Halter & trailer load train lrg. animals
- Have & practice evacuation plan
  -- Call, crawl, & carry
  -- “Personal confessions”

tutas.org.au
Other Random Fire Tips

-Ionization & Photoelectric Alarms

youtube.com/watch?v=zrOLxh8GuCU
No More Excuses ~ Start This Week!

Now list 3-5 you can **easily accomplish this week** (be detailed and set deadlines):

1. _____________________________
2. _____________________________
3. _____________________________
4. _____________________________
5. _____________________________

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1 More Homework Assignment
GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY MGR.!

Oregon:

Washington:
www.emd.wa.gov/myn/myn_contact_info.shtml

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4 More Tidbits for Your Toolkit

**Dial 5-1-1 for Traffic & Weather**
Real time traffic & weather information can be obtained by calling 5-1-1 from most phones

**State of Oregon EOP Support Annexes SA F. Evacuation Draft 06/2010**

**Dial 2-1-1 for Emergency & Resource Information**
Are prepared to receive calls during a disaster requesting assistance and/or information from the public. They maintain current info. on shelters, food, clothing, rumor control, and assistance locations

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**Preprogram Data into Your Mobile and GPS Units**

**Animal-Specific Notes & Supply Lists**
washingtonsart.org/emergencyprep.html
(birds, reptiles, amphibians, pocket pets, livestock)
To Recap:

- Preplanning is vital; Start this week!
- Have adequate supplies & transportation
- Be prepared to identify your animals
- Make a plan and practice it with your animals

Jonas seems pleased with his emergency rain gear!
May 4, 2012 / Carolyn Deming / FEMA

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Do You Want More Animal Prep. Training, Disaster Tips, & Emergency Info.?

Are you interested in:
- Animals-in-disaster / prep. tips sent to your email inbox
- Classroom sessions like this?
  - Short 1-2 hour classes?
  - In-depth 4-6 hour classes?
  - A series of classes (say 1x a wk. for 3-4 wks.)?
  - Hands-on workshops where preparedness steps are accomplished and completed?

What TOPICS are you interested in:
- Learning Pet 1st Aid (CPR, etc.)
- Additional animals-in-disaster prep. like this class
- Animal rescue stories
- Large animal info. specifically
- Other __________________

Please indicate the county in which you live and / or work: __________________

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IF you want to receive notices as these programs are developed, provide your contact info. (optional):
Name: ____________________________ print clearly
Email address: ________________________ print clearly
Phone # (to be used in the event the email address bounces): _______________________
How do we get this info. out to the community?

Join Us for More!
SESSION 2: 11/17 1 - 4:30
Animal Behavior & Handling

SESSION 3: 11/24 1 - 4:310
Pet First Aid

“Thank you for coming!”

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