



Pet Preparedness

PET GRAB LIST



- Clear photo of you and your pet
 - Vaccine records
 - Leash, harness, crate, or carrier
 - Medications
 - Water bowls and water
 - Food
 - Bedding
- Along with critical supplies for your pet, think ahead about what things you will want to take with you during an evacuation. This should include critical medications or medical equipment, a phone or other communication device, and irreplaceable items.

GET EMERGENCY ALERTS

Register for alerts at www.BOCOalert.org

- Get alerts through phone call, text, and e-mail
- Add up to 5 address locations

OR

Download and use the **ReachWell app**

- No sign-up or having to share personal information
- Get alerts through cell phone notification
- Alerts available in over 100 languages
- Get all alerts sent out in Boulder County

REMEMBER - YOU ARE ALWAYS YOUR FIRST FORM OF ALERT. TRUST YOUR GUT. If you see, hear, smell, or sense something is wrong, make decisions to keep yourself safe - even if you haven't received an alert!

PLAN AHEAD

ID YOUR ANIMALS



- Microchip your pets - your veterinarian, local humane societies, or other organizations offer these services which provide a formal way to identify your pet.

BUILD YOUR NETWORK



- There's power in numbers - build your network of friends and neighbors who can help you to evacuate or care for your pets during a disaster.

TRAIN WITH YOUR PET



- Work with your pet ahead of time on training.
- Think about what you would need your pet to do during an evacuation - if they would need to get into a crate for you to safely transport them, have a harness on, or any other actions they're not used to make sure to practice with them now.

KNOW WHERE TO GO



- Plan ahead for where you would go if you needed to evacuate with your pet. Talk to family and friends, or look into pet-friendly hotels to know where your options are ahead of time.

SIGNS OF STRESS



- Not eating, excess panting, and other behaviors can be signs of stress. If you notice high levels of prolonged stress in your pets talk with your veterinarian.
- Think about things you can do to help lower your pet's stress level - covering their crate or carrier, or bringing along a favorite toy may help to lower stress levels.

WHERE TO GO



- Plan ahead to stay with family or friends if possible.
- Plan ahead by looking into pet friendly hotels.
- If you are not able to take your pet with you to the location where you'll be staying you can house them temporarily! Animal Protection has agreements with the Humane Society of Boulder Valley and Longmont Humane Society - during a disaster they clear out special areas for pets being temporarily housed and will have your pet for you to pick up when you are able to return to a situation where you can have them with you!
- Large animals like horses and livestock can be sheltered at the Boulder County Fairgrounds (unless it's in the risk area).

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET GETS LOOSE



- If your pet gets loose during a disaster consider the intensity of the situation as you make decisions around trying to catch them. Call your local 911 dispatch center to report a loose pet, or report them as missing at www.boulderodm.gov. From there, Animal Protection Officers will work to locate and reunite you and your pet.
- If your pet is microchipped this provides a formal way for Animal Protection to get you reunited.

FOR MORE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION



www.boulderodm.gov/preparedness