

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

The following numbers should be kept by the telephone.

- *Fire and Rescue 911*
- *Bernalillo County Sheriff
281-1400, non emergency
weekday business hours
798-7000, 768-4160*
- *Frost Road Fire Station 314-
0100; non-emergency 798-
7000*
- *U.S. Forest Service, Sandia
Ranger District. 281-3304*
- *Red Cross 265-8514*
- *Animal Control 314-0280*
- *Animal Humane Association
255-8088*

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Companion Animal Emergency Evacuation



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Companion Animal Evacuation Tips

These procedures have been developed over the last several years. In developing these procedures, we assumed that there may be only 15 minutes to evacuate with only one person available to get the animals out.

These procedures are designed to minimize the amount of thought that is necessary in the event of a disaster. Even the best prepared family will be nervous and afraid. These procedures are designed to account for the added stress of evacuation and make the evacuation process go as smoothly as possible.

First, it is important to avoid panicking and remain calm. Your animals will be able to sense your nervousness in the event of an evacuation and will become nervous as well.

Second, make an evacuation plan using the tips provided here.

Third, practice your evacuation plan regularly. Practice allows the evacuation process to become second nature and gives you an opportunity to work out bugs.

The following are some tips for companion animal evacuation.

- Put identification on all your pets. Identification should at a minimum include a collar tag with the pet's name and your contact information. Identification can also include microchips or tattoos.
- Make an emergency kit for your pets, which should include: all medications, tranquilizers and medical records. Extra copies of medical records should also be kept at a safe location away from your home, such as a safe deposit box in town.
- Keep carriers in an accessible location for dogs and cats. Food and water dishes and bedding should already be in the carriers. Write your name and a contact number on the carriers in indelible ink.
- Have enough leashes for your animals in an easily accessible place, for example in the carriers or in your vehicle.
- If necessary for dogs, have enough

muzzles for those dogs who may become frightened.

- Make sure you have enough food and water (in store bought containers still sealed) for two feedings for each animal.
- Make sure your vehicle has at least half a tank of gas at all times.
- Arrange for a place to meet with family members in town. This should be someplace where your animals can stay also.
- Keep a list of each of your pets and photograph of each. If you and your pets are separated, this will be a way for authorities to make sure pets are returned to their person.

Although Bernalillo County Animal Control will assist in pet evacuation in the event of an emergency, you should be prepared to evacuate your own companion animals.



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