



## EMERGENCY 'READY KIT' FOR YOUR PETS

PLAN IN ADVANCE – In a case of an emergency, only helping animals will be allowed in the Grafton shelter. Now you will have to make plans for your pets, in the event you can not leave them at home. Formulate a number of plans. Check with friends or family members. Look for pet friendly hotels. You could develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends, and/or relatives, in which someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Check with your vet, to see if they have any plans in effect in case of emergencies.

### 'READY KIT'

**FOOD** – A least 3 days worth in waterproof containers.

**WATER** – A least 3 days worth in waterproof containers.

**MEDICINES & MEDICAL RECORDS** – Have a least 3 days worth of medication ready. Copy all important medical records including vaccinations. Place in a waterproof container or bag.

**FIRST AID KIT** – Check with your vet as to what would be needed for your pet. Bandages, tape, scissors, antibiotic ointment, flea & tick protection, latex gloves, alcohol & saline solutions, pet first aid booklet.

**COLLAR WITH TAGS, HARNESS, OR LEASH** – Your pet should always have a collar on with tags and identification should be on the collar. Include a spare in case one get lost or damaged.

**IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS** – Pet's name. Copies of pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents & medical records in a plastic bag or container.

**CRATE OR PET CARRIER** – If you need to evacuate in an emergency, take your pets with you, if you can not leave them at home. This is when you would use your back up plan for your pets.

**SANITATION** – Include pet litter and box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, and bleach. Have a small bottle of unscented bleach, for sanitation and to purify water, and (2) one gallon bottles to put your water in. Label one for drinking and the other one for sanitation.

- Sanitation, 9 part water to 1 part bleach.
- To purify water, 8 drops of bleach to 1 gallon of water and let stand for 30 minutes.

**A PICTURE OF YOU AND YOUR PET** – If you become separated from your pet the picture will document ownership and will help others in identifying your pet. Include information about the species, breed, age, sex, color, and distinguishing characteristics of your pet.

**FAMILIAR ITEMS** – Put favorite toys, treats, and/or bedding in your kit.

**PLASTIC TOTE BOX** – Store as many of the about items in your tote. List all other items in a notebook and where they are located. Place this notebook in the tote. Now your tote is ready for any type of emergency.