

QUICK INFORMATION RECORD	
Nearest Shelter (phone):	_____
Back Up Shelter (phone):	_____
Veterinarian Name:	_____
Phone:	_____
Pet ID Number (if available)	
_____	
Current on Vaccination	YES      NO
Fire Department:	_____
Police Department:	_____
Nearest Center in Your Area	_____
Red Cross:	_____
Salvation Army:	_____

OHIO  
VETERINARY  
MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION  
**DISASTER  
GUIDELINES**



For Small Animal Owners



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**Prepare NOW**  
to **ENSURE**  
the **Safety** of  
your **PET !!**

## **ESSENTIALS TO HAVE BEFORE A DISASTER:**

- ✦ Have a collar with proper identification tags for each pet. If possible have the animal permanently identified with a **Microchip** or a **Tattoo**.
- ✦ Have up-to-date vaccination **Records** for each pet. Have additional **Prescriptions, Medication** and a recent photo of your pet in case they are missing.
- ✦ Be aware of **Homes, Areas** and **Shelters** where you can take your pet for protection. Most Red Cross shelters do not allow pets, so you **NEED** to have other options available.
- ✦ Stock up on dry pet foods. Have portable and non-spill food and water dishes.
- ✦ Have a pet carrier and leash for **EACH** pet. Make sure that the carrier is large enough for the animal to stand up and move around comfortably.
- ✦ Make sure your pet is current on all vaccinations, such as **Rabies, Distemper** and **Parvo**.



## **WHAT TO DO DURING A DISASTER**

- ✦ **Remain calm:** Listen to the local Emergency Broadcasting Station for available shelter areas.
  - ✦ If you have to leave your pet at home follow these **Steps:**
    - **Bring your pet indoors. DO NOT leave them outside.**
    - **Leave only dry food and plenty of water in a non-spillable container or a bathtub. Flush toilet before leaving.**
    - **Try to separate the dogs from the cats and other small animals.**
    - **Cage dangerous animals if possible.**
  - ✦ If you take your pet with you, bring all necessary support items and their vaccination **RECORDS**.
- ### **AFTER THE DISASTER**
- ✦ If your pet is lost or you find a pet, call the local **Veterinary Hospitals, Kennels, Animal Shelters or Humane Societies**.
  - ✦ Be wary of **WANDERING** wild animals foraging for food. Also, watch for downed powerlines and other hazards. Do not let your pet go outside unattended.