

The Maui Humane Society and Maui County Health Volunteers encourage you to create a:



# PET EMERGENCY PLAN



so your entire family is prepared for a hurricane, tsunami or other disaster.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (review plan at least once a year)

<b>Family (Pet Owner's) Name:</b>				
<b>Street Address:</b>	<b>Apt. #:</b>	<b>Town:</b>	<b>Home Phone #:</b>	<b>Neighbor Phone#:</b>
<b>Vet &amp; Kennel Contact #s:</b>				
	<b>Name of Pet</b>	<b>Description &amp; Microchip # (cats &amp; dogs should have collar and tag)</b>	<b>Special Needs/Daily Food Needs/Comment:</b>	
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## Emergency Supplies for Your Pets

Keep a clearly labeled, waterproof, and easy to carry "**Pet Go-Kit**" to take pet supplies with you if you have to leave home in a hurry. Make sure that everyone in the family knows where your Pet Go-Kit is stored. Items to consider keeping in or near your pack include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>1-2 weeks' worth of water and canned or dry food</b> (dry food can get stale—replace every 3 months)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra harness and leash (Note: harnesses are recommended for safety and security)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Photocopies of pet medical records in a waterproof container with a <b>two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires</b> (Note: check expiration dates.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet (see next page for more info)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Especially for dogs: Long leash and yard stake, treats and chew toys, two week's worth of cage liner.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> For cats: Disposable litter trays (e.g. aluminum roasting pans) plus cat litter or paper towels</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight &amp; batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Liquid dish soap and disinfectant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Disposable garbage bags</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pet feeding bowls</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pet first-aid kit and book</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recent photos of your pets (in case you need to make "Lost Pet" posters)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Manual can opener</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Blanket (to scoop up a fearful pet)</li> </ul> |
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**Note: If pet has behavioral or health issues, attach a label to collar, leash, or carrier.**

**Identity Protection for Your Pets:** Microchips provide extra protection in case your pet loses its collar and tag. A vet can implant one under your pet's skin, and most vets and animal shelters have scanners to read them. Be sure to contact the Maui Humane Society with your pet's chip number and your up-to-date contact information.



## Recommendations from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

### *If you take shelter inside your home...*

If emergency officials recommend that you stay in your home, it's crucial that you keep your pets with you. **Keep your Pet Go-Kit and supplies close at hand.** Your pets may become stressed during the in-house confinement, so you may consider crating them for safety and comfort.

- Determine well in advance which rooms offer safe havens. These rooms should be clear of hazards such as glass windows, flying debris, etc.
- Choose easy-to-clean areas such as utility rooms, bathrooms, and basements as safe zones.
- Access to a supply of fresh water is particularly important. In areas that may lose electricity, fill up bathtubs and sinks ahead of time to ensure that you have access to water during a power outage or other crisis. (Make sure small children do not have access to tubs of water as this could pose a drowning hazard.)
- In the event of flooding, go to the highest location in your home, or a room that has access to counters or high shelves where your animals can take shelter.

### *If you have to evacuate your home...*

Arrange a safe haven for your pets in the event of evacuation. **DO NOT LEAVE PETS BEHIND.** Remember, if it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets. They may become trapped or escape and be exposed to life-threatening hazards.

- Check [www.scd.state.hi.us](http://www.scd.state.hi.us) for a list of pet-friendly shelters.
- Contact your vet for a list of boarding kennels and facilities.
- Identify places outside the disaster area where you might be able to stay with your pet (or where your pet could be cared for while you are in a shelter). For example, a friend who lives on high ground may be able to help in a tsunami.

### *About pet carriers...*



A crate or carrier for your pet should be large enough for the animal to stand up, turn around, and stretch out. These should be available at pet stores—try to find one that is secure/escape-proof. For cats, the space between food and litter should be 3 feet if possible.

**Important!** Make sure your pet is comfortable with the crate or carrier so it will be less likely to panic and run off just when you need to evacuate. Tip: use the carrier for your pet's naptime and put treats inside.

For more information, contact the **MAUI HUMANE SOCIETY** at (808) 877-3680, visit [www.mauihumanesociety.org](http://www.mauihumanesociety.org), or contact **MAUI COUNTY HEALTH VOLUNTEERS** at (808) 243-8660.

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