

# Pet Emergency Preparedness

Are you prepared in the event disaster strikes? What will happen to your beloved pets? Planning ahead could save your pets lives.

United Animal Nations created an organization called the Emergency Animal Rescue Service (EARS), which is devoted to saving animals affected by disasters. Unfortunately, due to poor planning, and a lack of shelters for pets during such emergencies, many beloved pets are left behind, without adequate resources to survive, during disasters.



**EARS Provides Food and Water to those Pets Left Behind**

EARS volunteers are prepared to get to any area within the country, within 24 hours, to help save our furry friends.

However, it isn't enough that we count on EARS.

It is our responsibility as pet owners to take responsibility and pre-plan for the unexpected. To help us do this, UAN and EARS have developed a check list for pet owners to use to help prepare:

1. Always keep a collar and identification tag on all animals all the time!
2. Always have a reserve supply of food and water (at least a weeks worth).
3. I identify several possible locations to take your pets in the event an evacuation is necessary.
4. Start a buddy system with someone in your neighborhood—to check on each others' pets.
5. Have a pre-assembled cat carrier for each cat in the house.
6. Have a harness (not collar) and leash for each dog in the household (frightened dogs may pull out of a collar).
7. Have a pet first aid kit available. Check with your vet regarding recommended supplies, but some suggestions are: pet first aid book, varying sizes of bandages and gauze, antiseptic wipes, emollient cream, tweezers, scissors, instant cold pack, latex gloves, and a proper fitting muzzle.
8. Be prepared to confine your dog in the event that

fences and walls are damaged. Choices include a wire or plastic dog crate, or a stake out chain. In either event, please ensure that adequate shelter, food, and water is available to your pets.

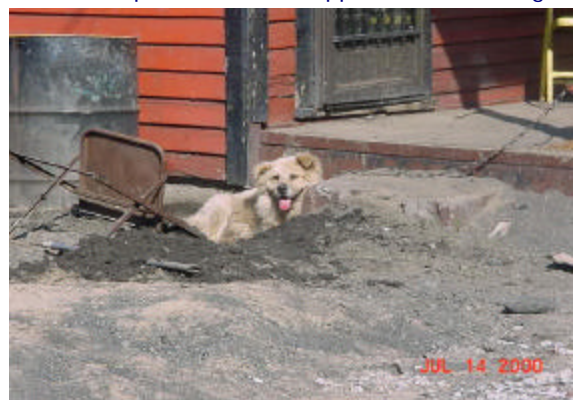
9. In the event your dog is kept in an outdoor run, ensure it's in a location safe from falling debris, such as tree limbs or power lines.
10. Keep current pictures of your pets in a safe place, along with other valuables. Include yourself in some of the pictures in case you have to prove ownership. In addition, keep these pictures in a waterproof bag to prevent potential water damage in the event of flooding or other similar event.
11. Keep a minimum 2 week supply of any long term medications your pet may require. If the medication requires refrigeration, a cooler may be required. Also, check with your vet—



do they have a disaster plan?

**Be prepared with pictures and identification to report and claim lost pets!**

Hopefully, if we will follow some of these precautions, we can save the lives of our pets in the event of some horrible disaster, and prevent what happened to this dog!



**This dog was left chained during a disaster with no food or water—EARS fortunately was there to save this dog!**