

Animals

Don't forget your animals when you have to evacuate; there is often very little time so planning ahead will pay off.

Pets, Domestic, Service and Companion Animals

Before an event:

- Build a Go Bag for your animal (Animals Go Bag) label w laundry marking pen
- Place items in convenient, accessible location as time will be limited
- Adhere ID, with your name and an emergency telephone number, to collars or harness
- Identify a staging area to confine your animal prior to evacuation
- Make sure crates and carriers are suitable size, type & portability

During an event:

- Grab Animal Go Bag
- Retrieve animals and confine
- Assign a family/household member to be responsible for animals
- Keep photos or ID with you in case of separation
- Be prepared to leave animals behind if responders say to

After an event:

- Bring crates, carriers or trailers, and leashes/harnesses to retrieve animals
- Collect animals from drop off point
- Be prepared to establish ownership with pictures or other documentation
- Replenish Go-Bag

References: <https://www.ready.gov/animals>; <http://www.vcas.us/programs-services/disasters>;