

Special Instructions Regarding Pets

- Pets should not be left behind during a disaster, but do not risk your own safety attempting to find shelter for your pet.
- Attach ID tags to your pet with your name and address.
- Make a list of pet shelters and of hotels that permit pets in the area you would evacuate to.
- Put together an emergency kit for your pet. Include in it food, food & water dishes, a first aid kit, litter box, leash or pet carrier, medication, and veterinary records.
- Remember most shelters do not allow pets (except service animals) and all request shot records.

Special Instructions Regarding Children

- A child can be traumatized by a disaster whether it is experienced first-hand, seen on television or learned about from adults. Monitor the nature and quantity of disaster related programming your children are exposed to and contact your school to determine how teachers are dealing with the situation after a disaster.
- If your children have questions about the disaster, answer them truthfully, but don't allow the subject to dominate your conversations. Provide reassuring words and affection.