



Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

Be Prepared!

We urge pet owners to **prepare today** and help reduce the amount of stress you and your companion animal will go through when disaster strikes. Shelters and government agencies will be involved in disaster relief, but will not be able to care for all animals impacted by a disaster. **Are you and your pets ready?** How many of our eight disaster prep boxes can you check as “completed.”

- Keep ID current!** Pets with outdated tags (or no tags) cannot be reunited with owners. When you move or change phone numbers, update your pet’s tag. Personalized tags are available at both PHS/SPCA locations -- 12 Airport Blvd., San Mateo and 1450 Rollins Rd., Burlingame – and at most pet supply stores.
- Double up on ID.** In addition to wearing a tag, your pet should be microchipped. This form of ID cannot fall off. You can “chip” your pet at either PHS/SPCA location (12 Airport Blvd, San Mateo or 1450 Rollins Rd., Burlingame), no appointment necessary, for \$30.
- Have two current photos of your pet,** in case you need to post “Lost Pet” flyers, and create a one-page document describing his/her diet, medicines, unusual behaviors, aversions and distinguishing features.
- Establish two friends (one local, one out-of-the-area) who can help** care for your pet in the event of a disaster. The neighbor should be someone you trust with a copy of your house key. The out-of-area friend should be willing to house your pet for up to a week. Human shelters (i.e.those set-up by Red Cross) cannot house pets.
- Secure your house inside and out.** Repair or replace loose fence boards or gates before the big storm hits and earthquake-proof any tall furniture.
- Familiarize your pet with a carrier or crate,** as you may need to use one to transport your pet during an emergency. If you associate the crate or carrier with something positive (i.e. trips to the dog park), your pet will be more comfortable when you need to use it.
- Create your own “human” disaster prep kit.** If you can’t help yourself, you won’t be able to help your pet. For ideas or more information, visit www.72hours.org.
- Keep a short list of pet-friendly hotels where you live or where you plan to travel.** Some chains, including Motel 6, are “pet friendly.”

Please review our disaster supply list on the reverse side and see how PHS/SPCA is prepared to help displaced pets in San Mateo County

Your pet's first-aid kit should include:

- first-aid book
- tweezers
- gauze bandages and pads
- scissors
- adhesive tape
- hydrogen peroxide
- cotton swabs
- antibiotic ointment

Pet supplies to have on-hand and packed:

- plastic pet carrier/crate
- one-week supply of pet food
- water
- bowls for food & water
- plastic bags for waste
- disinfectants
- comb/brush
- leash
- can opener
- any/all regular medications
- blanket/bedding and towel
- pet's favorite treats (to entice when scared/stressed)
- newspapers/paper towels
- litter (for cats)

Also, remember...

- Unvaccinated pets are at risk for contracting diseases when housed with other animals
- Keep address/phone numbers of Emergency Clinics and pet-friendly hotels
- Visit PHS/SPCA's intake shelter at 12 Airport Blvd., San Mateo or your local shelter as soon as you and your pet are separated.
- When cats are caught up in disasters (i.e. an earthquake) they tend to hide, while dogs see an open door, or broken fence and flee

Contacts:

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650/340-7022 • PHS-SPCA.org
Weekdays: 11am - 7pm • Weekends: 11am - 6pm

Intake/Lost & Found and Spay/Neuter:

12 Airport Blvd.
San Mateo, CA 94401

Adoptions/Center for Compassion

1450 Rollins Rd.
Burlingame, CA 94010

North Peninsula Emergency Vet Clinic

227 Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94401
650/348-2575 • sanmateoemergencyvet.com



The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA has Emergency Trailers (like these pictured above) positioned in strategic County locations; each will allow staff and trained volunteers to set-up and operate a temporary shelter for displaced pets for approximately 5 days.