Planning Gives You Control

It’s a 3-step process

1. Locate 2 places where you can send or safely evacuate with your pets.
2. Put together a kit
3. Create a buddy system with at least 2 others who live in your area.

STEP 1
Locate several places you can send, or go with, your pet if you must evacuate your home.

1. Veterinarian
2. Kennel
3. Family or friend
4. Pet friendly hotel
   Keep a list of them, along with 800 numbers, in the emergency kit.
Carry emergency information in your wallet.

**PETS AT HOME**
List 4 names and phone numbers of people who agree to pick up your pets if you can’t get home.

If, for some reason, you can’t get home or contact help yourself, a hospital attendant or policeman will find the card next to other emergency information and place a call to get help for your pet.

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**STEP 2**
Put together an emergency kit for your pet(s)

Some items are needed by all pets. Others depend on the kind of animal and on your pets' special needs.

- Food for at least 7 days
- Water and dish
- Leash and harness
- Clean up materials (bags/litter)
- Medications and directions
- Calming medication
- Familiar items (toys, blanket, treats)
- Muzzle
- Booties (protect feet/cover wounds)
- Crate
- Stake-out and line
- Papers in a protective cover

**First Aid Kit**

- Mild wound cleanser
- Gauze rolls & pads
- Bandage tape
- Antibiotic ointment
- Isopropyl alcohol prep pads
- Saline solution (eyes and wounds)
- Scissors, tweezers, eyedropper
- Antidiarheal/Peto Bismol (not for cats) 1 Tsp per 5 lbs. maximum of 2 Tbsp.

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- Copy of license
- Confirmation of micro-chip
- Proof of vaccination
- Recent photo of pet(s) with you
- Emergency numbers: vet, home phone and other friend/family phone numbers
- Description of medical issues and personality quirks
- List of pet-friendly hotels with 800 numbers
- Authorization for emergency medical care
STEP 3
Create a buddy system
Ideally: At least 2 who live nearby
Generally different schedules
Must: Know your animals and they are comfortable with each other
Have key to your home
Know where the emergency kit is
Have emergency numbers including the vet
The buddies will check each others homes after a disaster. One of you may be unable to get home or phone.

Last But Not Least
A micro-chip is your pets’ ticket home
but only if the registration is up-to-date!
• Walnut Creek CERT Animal Staging
• Many families in Walnut Creek have pets
• As a CERT you may be retrieving them with owners.
• Temporary area for those animals at each staging area.

Eventually you’ll be making a decision about the CERT activity that fits you best. WC/CAS is one of the choices.