



Websites:

**L.A. County Animal Care
and Control**
animalcontrol.co.la.ca.us

**The Humane Society of the
United States**
www.hsus.org

**American Society for Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals**
www.asPCA.org

**American Red Cross -
Rio Hondo Chapter**
www.arcriohondo.org

**Federal Emergency Management
Agency (FEMA)**
www.fema.gov

**American Veterinary Medical
Association**
www.avma.org

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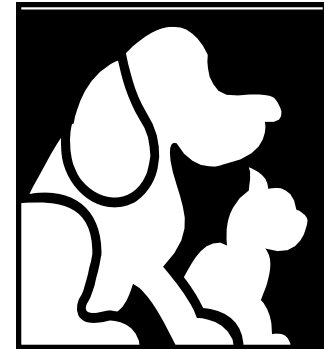
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Emergency Planning For Your Pet



Our pets are very important to us. They enrich our lives in more ways than we can count. They also depend on us for their survival and well-being. Here is how you can be prepared to protect your pets when disaster strikes.



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Before an Emergency

The best way to protect your family, including your pets, is to have a disaster plan. Being prepared can help save their lives. No matter what the disaster, you may have to evacuate your home. For the safety of your pets, prepare *now* for the day when you and your pets may have to leave your home.

In a disaster, if Whittier residents were required to evacuate, the American Red Cross and the City of Whittier would most likely set up a disaster shelter. Because of state health and safety regulations and other considerations, Red Cross disaster shelters cannot accept pets (except for guide dogs and service dogs), and there is no guarantee that space will be found to shelter pets. That is why it is important to plan ahead.

Think about what you would like to do with your pets if you are forced to evacuate, and discuss your ideas with your family. Do not wait until disaster strikes to do your research. Here are some ideas:

- It is recommended that you microchip your outdoor pets. If your pets flee in panic after an earthquake, a microchip in your pet would greatly increase your chances for a happy reunion. Ask your vet for more details.



- Ask friends, relatives, and others outside your immediate area whether they could shelter your pets. Be prepared, you might have to house them separately. When choosing a temporary caregiver, be sure to discuss your expectations at length so that he or she understands the responsibility of caring for your pet. Inform other family members and friends of your evacuation plan.
- Prepare a list of boarding facilities and vets who could shelter animals in an emergency. Include 24-hour telephone numbers. A list of animal hospitals and kennels in the City of Whittier is included.
- Contact hotels and motels and inquire if they accept pets. A list of local establishments is included. You can ask any motel or hotel if they could waive a “no pet” policy in an emergency.
- If your pet may remain at home after a disaster, request a free rescue alert decal from the ASPCA (<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/>) to place on your window alerting rescuers a pet may be inside.
- Have a comfortable, adequately sized carrier for your pet and let your pet become familiar with it before an emergency.
- Lastly, the most important protection you can provide your pet is to make sure they are wearing licenses and/or I.D. tags at all times, even when they are in your home or yard. Earthquakes strike without warning and can cause animals to flee in panic. In the Northridge Earthquake, many residents’ block walls collapsed, allowing pets to roam. Do not take a chance on losing your pet because it is not wearing an I.D. Include your cell and home phone numbers on the tag.



Locations of Los Angeles County Animal Shelters

- Downey: 11258 S. Garfield Ave., Downey 90242 (562) 940-6898 (This is the shelter that serves the City of Whittier.)
- Agoura Hills: 29525 Agoura Road, Agoura 91301 (818) 991-0071
- Baldwin Park: 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park 91706 (626) 962-3577
- Carson: 216 W. Victoria St., Gardena 90248 (310) 523-9566
- Castaic: 31044 N. Charlie Canyon Road, Castaic 91384 (661) 257-3191 or (818) 367-8065
- Lancaster: 5210 W. Avenue I, Lancaster 93536 (661) 940-4191

