

## Important Information:

### Humane Society London & Middlesex

1414 Dundas Street, London, ON

Phone (General): 519-451-0630

Report Cruelty: 1-833-9-ANIMAL (264625)

[www.hsllm.ca](http://www.hsllm.ca)

### Animal Care Centre Lobo

5592 Egremont Dr, RR #1

Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0

Phone: 519-666-1632 [acclobo.com](http://acclobo.com)

### Southwest Middlesex Animal Shelter

3427 Concession Dr

Glencoe, ON N0L 1M0

Phone: 519-902-4947

[swmanimalshelter@gmail.com](mailto:swmanimalshelter@gmail.com)

### Hillside Kennels Animal Control

786007 Township 6 Rd

Innerkip, ON N0J 1M0

Phone: 519-469-3247

### Ontario SPCA and Humane Society

16586 Woodbine, Ave

Stouffville, ON L4A 2W3

Phone: 1-888-668-7722 [ontariospca.ca](http://ontariospca.ca)

### Emergency Preparedness

[getprepared.gc.ca](http://getprepared.gc.ca)

[www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency](http://www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency)

For emergency information on the situation, possible road or school closures, evacuation routes and reception centres, please call 211 in any community emergency.



## Pet Emergency Kit Checklist:

- ☐ Carrier large enough to comfortably transport and house your pet — one carrier per pet is safest
- ☐ At least 3 days of water and wet/dry food for each pet. Remember to include special diets, medications, and treats
- ☐ Bowls for food and water, manual can opener, spoon
- ☐ Leash, collar or harness, and muzzle
- ☐ Familiar bedding, small toy, brush
- ☐ Litter, pan, and scoop for cats; poop bags, clean-up supplies (paper towels, disinfectant, garbage bags)
- ☐ Up-to-date ID tag on your pet's collar. Consider having your pet fitted with a microchip
- ☐ Recent photo of you and your pet, with owner's contact info and pet's description on the back
- ☐ Copies of the pet's medical records and vaccinations — ensure vaccinations are up-to-date
- ☐ Emergency contact list with numbers for your veterinarian, list of pet-friendly hotels/motels in your area, plus friends and relatives outside your area where you could stay
- ☐ Information on feeding schedule, medical and/or behavioural concerns; keep documents and photos in a zip-lock waterproof plastic bag

### Middlesex County

399 Ridout St. N, London, ON N6A 2P1

☎ 519-434-7321 F: 519-434-0638 🌐 [www.middlesex.ca](http://www.middlesex.ca)



To book a one hour presentation on Emergency Preparedness for your group, club, workplace, or congregation, Contact Bettina Weber, Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC)

☎ 519-319-4906 ✉ [bweber@middlesex.ca](mailto:bweber@middlesex.ca)

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## CARING FOR YOUR PETS IN AN EMERGENCY



We hope this brochure will be a guide for actions you can take now to prepare for a future evacuation or other emergency which involves your companion animals. Please keep this brochure as a handy reference.

## Pets and Emergencies

Pets are members of the family, so make sure to include your pets when developing your family emergency plan. Making these arrangements before an emergency will make it much less likely that your pet will get lost, be injured, or even killed in a serious emergency situation.

- Identify your pet. If you become separated during an emergency, their identification may be the only way to find them. Make sure each animal wears a collar and identification tag at all times
- Keep your pet inside during severe weather. Animals are very sensitive to sudden changes in temperature and often isolate themselves when scared. Never leave a pet outside or tethered during a storm
- Separate cats and dogs. Keep smaller pets, such as rabbits or hamsters away from larger animals. Stress can lead to unusual behaviour
- Keep newspaper inside the pet's carrier for hygiene purposes; when possible, feed your pet more wet food in order to reduce the amount of water it may need
- If ordered to evacuate, always try to take your pet with you. If you must leave your dog or cat in the house, do not tether or cage them. Leave a sign in the window and a note on the door indicating what/how many animals are inside. Provide water and food in timed dispensers and leave toilet seats open



## Evacuating with your Pet

If it's too dangerous for you to stay, it's too dangerous for your pet to stay. If safety permits, pets should not be left behind during an evacuation. Plan ahead to ensure that you have a safe place to take your pet:

- Contact hotels/motels outside your immediate area and check their policy on accepting lodgers with pets during an emergency
- Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they could shelter your pet during an emergency
- Include pets in family emergency preparations and plans
- If an emergency occurs when you are not at home, you can still be prepared to help your pet. Set up a buddy system with a neighbor, and make arrangements that you will care for each other's pets if an emergency happens when you're not home
- In some evacuations, a **Reception Centre** may be opened to house evacuees; typically, these facilities are arenas, community halls or other appropriate buildings. With the exception of official Service Animals, pets are not permitted to be housed in the same room as people at a Reception Centre. Some municipalities may have considered other arrangements for housing pets nearby, or in another part of the building. Check with your municipality to learn about their policy
- If you have a Service Animal, be sure you take its registration and service vest/harness with you when you leave home, it may not be recognized without official ID
- At the very least, small pets must be housed in sturdy carriers, and large dogs muzzled and leashed to be even be considered for entry into any emergency lodging facility. Prepare your pets for an evacuation before an emergency happens!

## 72 Hour Emergency Kit

Pack the contents of your 72 Hour Emergency Kit in an easy-to-carry duffle bag or a suitcase on wheels. Store your kit in a place that is easy to reach, and ensure that everyone in your family knows where to find it. Keep a small emergency kit in your car.

### Essentials:

- Food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for 3 days) and a manual can opener
- Bottled water (4 litres per person for each day)
- Medication(s)
- Flashlight + extra batteries
- Radio (crank or battery-run)
- First-aid kit— take a first aid/CPR course!
- Candles in sturdy containers and matches/lighter
- Hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, soap, comb, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Copies of important documents (identification, contact lists, prescriptions, insurance, etc.)
- Extra car keys and cash
- Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- Zip-lock bags (to keep things dry)
- Garbage bags

### Special Considerations:

- Items for babies & small children—diapers, formula, bottles, baby food, comfort items
- Prescription medication
- Medical supplies and equipment
- Pet food and supplies
- Any other items specific to your family's needs

Check and refresh your kit twice a year. If your family is safe and self-sufficient in the first 72 hours, it frees up emergency workers to help others who may be injured or in danger.