Important Information:

• Humane Society London & Middlesex 624 Clarke Rd, London, ON N5V 3K5 General: 519-451-0630 Report Cruelty: 1-833-9-ANIMAL (264625) hslm.ca

• Animal Care Centre Lobo 5592 Egremont Dr, RR #1, lderton, ON NoM 2Ao Phone: 519-666-1632 <u>acclobo.com</u>

• Glencoe Animal Shelter 3427 Concession Dr Glencoe, ON NoL 1Mo Phone: 519-287-2974 glencoeanimalshelter.com

• Hillside Kennels Animal Control 786007 Township 6 Rd Innerkip, ON NoJ 1Mo Phone: 519-469-3247 <u>hillsideac@yahoo.ca</u>

• Ontario SPCA and Humane Society 16586 Woodbine Ave. Stouffville, ON L4A 2W3 Phone: 1-888-668-7722 ontariospca.ca

• Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) 25 Morton Shulman Ave Toronto, Ontario, M3M oB1 Toll free: 1-800-565-1842 emergencymanagementontario.ca

• Government of Canada getprepared.gc.ca

For emergency information on the situation, possible road or school closures, evacuation routes and Reception Centres, availability of gas and other supplies, please call 211 in any community emergency.

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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, medication and treats

 $\hfill\square$ Bowls for food & water, manual can opener, spoon

Leash, collar or harness, muzzle

□ Familiar bedding, small toy, brush

□ Litter, pan and scoop for cats; poop pick-up 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 T: 519-434-7321 F: 519-434-0638 W: www.middlesex.ca



Would you be interested in having a one hour presentation on emergency preparedness for your group, club, workplace or congregation? Please contact: Bettina Weber, Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) E: bweber@middlesex.ca T: 519-319-4906





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 from your pet 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. Leave toilet seats up.



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 they will care for your pet if an emergency happens when you are not at home— you will do the same for them.

• In some evacuations, a Reception Centre may be opened to house evacuees; typically, these facilities are arenas, community halls or other appropriate buildings. The term Reception Centre implies a "group lodging" facility, which usually offers emergency food services, registration of evacuees, basic first aid, and temporary accommodation on sleeping mats or cots. 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! For example, f you have three cats, you will need three carriers, three small litter trays, six bowls, a week's worth of dry and/or canned food for each cat—that's quite a lot to get ready! Get prepared today. (2021)



Pack the contents of your family 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, ensure that everyone in your family knows where to find it. Also, 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, 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—when the clocks shift to/from daylight savings time is a good time. Check all expiry dates and replace food and water with a fresh supply. Check batteries and replace as needed.

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.