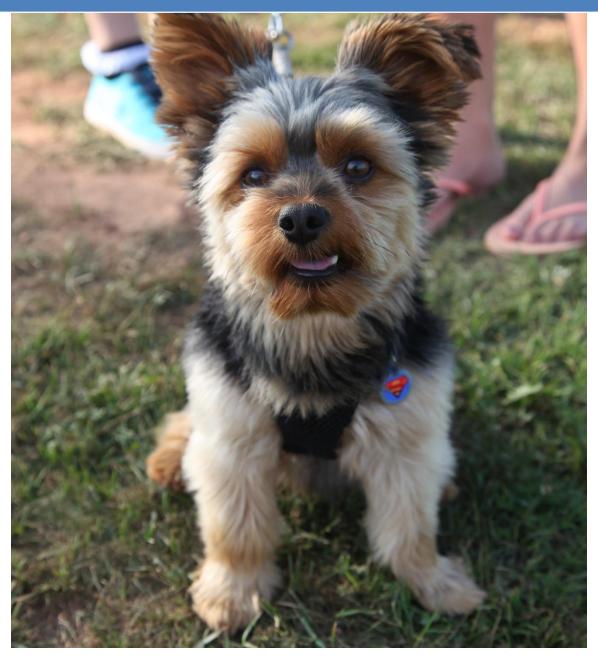
## **CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN**

# BE PREPARED!



MY PET'S EMERGENCY PLAN

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Pets are part of the family. As members of your family, they should be included in your emergency plan. Read on to learn how you can ensure your pet's safety during an emergency.

# MAKE A PLAN FOR YOUR PET

# **GATHER SUPPLIES**

# **GET INFORMED**



# **1** MAKE A LIST OF EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Before an emergency, make a list of emergency contacts. Keep a copy of this list in your pet's Go Bag.

Local Veterinarian:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Alternate Veterinari	an:
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Emergency Contact:	
Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Email:	

# 1 MAKE A LIST OF EMERGENCY CONTACTS (continued)

Boarding Facility:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Pet-Friendly Hotel:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Local Animal Shelter:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

# 2 DEVELOP A PLAN

Record important information about your pet so that you can easily access it during an emergency.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Birth date:	
Sex:	
Color:	
Eye Color:	
Distinguishing Markings:	
Allergies:	
Medical Conditions:	
Medications & Doses:	
Vaccination History:	
Veterinary Pharmacy:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Email:	

# **2 DEVELOP A PLAN** (continued)

## PROPER IDENTIFICATION

- Dogs and cats should wear a collar or harness, rabies tag, and identification tag at all times. Identification tags should include your name, address, and phone number, and the phone number of an emergency contact. Dogs should also wear a license.
- A properly registered microchip enables positive identification of your pet if you and your pet are separated.

Breed Registration #:	
License #:	
Microchip ID #:	



### 3 KNOW HOW TO EVACUATE WITH YOUR PET

#### **EVACUATING WITH YOUR PET**

Think about where you will go with your pet and how you will get there if you have to leave home during an emergency. In planning for an emergency evacuation:

- Arrange for family or friends outside of the affected area to shelter your pet.
- Identify animal-friendly hotels outside of the affected area.
- Talk with your local veterinarian, kennel, or grooming facility to see if they can offer safer shelter for your pet during an emergency.
- Create a Go Bag for your pet or service animal (See Pet Go Bag Checklist).
- Practice evacuation plans to familiarize your pet with the process and increase its comfort level.
- Know your pet's hiding places so you can easily find it during an emergency.
- Keep in mind a stressed pet may behave differently than normal and its stress level may increase. Use a muzzle to prevent bites.
   Also be advised that scared pets may try to flee.

#### PETS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

When an evacuation order is declared, pets will be allowed on Transit buses. It is recommended that pets be placed in carriers. However, pets too large for carriers will also be permitted, provided those animals are muzzled and controlled on a sturdy leash no longer than 1.5 meters. The City will announce when this transportation policy is in effect.

#### A NOTE ABOUT PETS AND EMERGENCY SHELTERING

In the event the City's emergency shelter system is open, and you cannot shelter your pet at a kennel or with friends or relatives outside the evacuation area, the City will establish a designated temporary pet shelter. Please bring supplies to care for your pet, including food, leashes, a carrier, and medication. Bring supplies to clean up after your animal. Only legal pets will be allowed. Service animals are permitted in emergency shelters.



# **3 KNOW HOW TO EVACUATE WITH YOUR PET** (continued)

# TIPS FOR HANDLING SMALL ANIMALS DURING EMERGENCIES

#### **Birds**

- Transport birds in small, secure carriers.
- Try to minimize temperature changes. Use a spray bottle for misting in hot weather and a hot water bottle for warming in cold weather.
- Try to minimize severe changes in noise and keep the cage covered to keep your bird(s) calm.

## **Amphibians/Reptiles**

- Transport amphibians in water-tight plastic bag or plastic container with ventilation holes.
- Transport reptiles in a pillowcase, cloth sack, or small carrier, and transfer the pet into a secure cage as soon as you can.
- Use a spray bottle to keep pet's cool and heating pad or batteryoperated heating lamp to keep pets war.
- Try to minimize change in temperature, lighting, and diet.
- Do not mix species.

# **3 KNOW HOW TO EVACUATE WITH YOUR PET** (continued)

#### **Other Small Animals**

Small pets, such as hamsters, gerbils, mice, rats, and guinea pigs, can be transported using a covered carrier, cage, or secure box. To minimize stress, keep the carrier covered and attempt to minimize severe changes in temperature and noise.

#### IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GET HOME TO YOUR PET

Some emergencies may prevent you from returning home. In planning for such emergencies:

- Identify a trusted friend, neighbor, or pet sitter to care for your pet in your absence. This person should have a set of your house keys, be familiar with your home and pet, know your emergency plan, and have your contact information.
- Put stickers on the main entrances to your home to alert rescue workers of the number and types of pets inside. Update the information on the stickers every six months.
- Keep a collar/harness, leash, carrier, and your pet's Go Bag in a place where they can be easily found.

## 4 PACK A PET GO BAG

Pets should have their own Go Bag – a sturdy, easy-to-carry container, such as a backpack or suitcase on wheels – that should be easily accessible if you have to leave your home in a hurry, and include the following items:

- Current colored photograph of you and your pet together (in case you are separated).
- Copies of medical records that indicate dates of vaccinations and a list of medications your pet takes and why.
- Proof of identification and ownership, including copies of registration information, adoption papers, proof of purchase, and microchip information.
- Physical description of your pet, including species, breed, age, sex, color, distinguishing traits, and any other vital information about characteristics and behavior.
- Animal first-aid kit, including flea and tick treatment, and other items recommended by your veterinarian.
- o Food, water, and dishes for at least three days.
- Collapsible cage or carrier.

# 4 PACK A PET GO BAG (continued)

<ul> <li>Muzzle* and leash.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Cotton sheet to place over the carrier to help keep your pet calm</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Comforting toys or treats.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Litter, litter pan, can scoop.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Plastic bags for clean-up.</li> </ul>
o Other items:

(\*Note: Nylon muzzles should only be used temporarily as they can restrict a dog's ability to pant).

## 5 PUT TOGETHER A PET EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Include pet supplies in your own emergency supply kit – the set of supplies you need to survive in your home for at least three days.

- Pet food. If you use wet food, make sure you have a pop-up cans or a manual can opener on hand. Rotate food and water items every six months to avoid expiration.
- Water. Dehydration is a serious health risk to animals. Check with your veterinarian to see how much water your pet needs on a daily basis.
- Plastic bags, newspaper, containers, and cleaning supplies for dealing with your pet.

0	Other Items:			



## THANK YOU FOR PREPARING YOUR PET!

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **6 GET INFORMED**

### **Public Safety Canada**

http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/mrgnc-mngmnt/mrgnc-prprdnss/index-eng.aspx

#### **Environment Canada**

http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/pe-5 metric e.html

#### **Canadian Hurricane Center**

http://www.ec.gc.ca/ouragans-hurricanes/

# **PEI Office of Public Safety**

http://www.gov.pe.ca/jps/index.php3?number=1004340&lang=E

#### **Maritime Electric**

http://www.maritimeelectric.com/power outages/current poweroutages.aspx

## **City of Charlottetown**

http://www.charlottetown.ca/

#### Ocean 100.3 FM

http://www.ocean100.com/WeatherCancellations.asp

#### **CFCY 95.1 FM**

http://cfcy.fm/

#### Q93.1 FM

http://tunein.com/radio/Q93-931-s12372/

#### **CBC Charlottetown**

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island

### **PEI Hume Society**

http://www.peihumanesociety.com/