Dear Friend,

Pets are a lot like people. They thrive in a loving environment. With proper care they can enjoy a happy and healthy life in your home. At the same time, we need to plan ahead for our pets’ needs in the event of an emergency...just as we would for members of our family.

Providing for the safe and secure transport of a pet under a disaster scenario is something that many have never considered. Where would you keep your animals if a hurricane or other similar crisis forced you to evacuate your home?

By planning ahead for a disaster, your whole family, including pets, can be safer, happier and healthier.

Please take a few minutes to read this guide; it could save your pet's life! Remember, be prepared, not scared!

Sincerely,

ANTHONY J. SANTINO
Supervisor

If You Care, You Should Prepare!
Getting ready to help your pet in an emergency

- Pets are 100% dependent on humans.
- NEVER leave your pet behind. If it is not safe for you, it is not safe for your pet!
- Prepare a disaster supply kit for your pet before a disaster strikes.
- Make your plans now. Know where you and/or your pet will go if evacuated.
- Your pet will be most comfortable and happiest with you at a friend or relative’s home or a pet-friendly hotel.

- Check with your veterinarian, groomer or boarding facility to see if they can shelter your pet in an emergency.

Being prepared takes the guesswork out of what to do in an emergency!

Prepare now! Any questions about how to prepare, contact the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter at (516) 785-5220.

Pet Emergency Checklists Are for the Birds...& Cats & Dogs & All Your Pets!

- **Food and Water:** At least 3-5 days’ worth along with a bowl. Dry food should be kept in an airtight bag. Have handy a manual can opener if food is in a can. Also have water purification tablets.
- **Medicines and Medical Records:** Should be kept in a waterproof bag, listing any behavioral problems your pet has or special medical needs. Include shot records, name and phone number of your pet’s veterinarian.
- **First Aid Kit:** Should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape, scissors, antibiotic ointment, latex gloves, alcohol pads and saline solution, styptic pencil, tweezers, cotton balls, eye wash, Vaseline, peroxide, tongue depressor, ear cleaner, ear bulb for irrigation and a Mylar blanket. Check with your veterinarian for any additional items he/she may suggest for your pet.
- **Supplies:** Collar with ID tag, harness or leash and muzzle.
- **Shelter:** Crate or other pet carrier large enough for your pet to stand comfortably in and turn around and lie down in. Include towels and blankets for warmth and bedding.
- **Sanitation:** Cat litter, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, sanitizing wipes, pop-up hand wipes, small plastic sandwich bags, latex gloves.
- **Familiar and Comfort Items:** Your pet’s favorite toy, scented item from family or person to comfort your pet. Blanket for warmth, brush and/or comb and treats.
- **Identification:** Current photo of your pet with you and other family members. A card with your pet’s name and microchip registration number as well as your name, address, and other contact numbers, such as family or friends.

For more information call Hempstead Town’s ANIMAL SHELTER 516-785-5220