

## #5. How to keep your animals safe before, during, and after evacuation

- Make your pets collar ID tags with Name, Owner, and Phone Number. If able to, have your pets micro-chipped with this info.
- Identify a place to safely house your animals in the event of evacuation (kennel, friends/families house, volunteer center, etc.)
- Keep carriers near your residence to quickly kennel your animals in the event of immediate evacuation.
- Make plans ahead of time for neighbors, friends or family to help remove your animals in the event that you are not home at the time of the evacuation order or emergency.
- Please remember: If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets. Even if you think you will only be gone for a few hours, take your pets. You have no way of knowing how long you'll be kept out of the area, and you may not be able—or allowed—to go back for your pets.
- Pets left behind in a disaster can easily be injured, lost, or killed. Those left inside your home can escape through storm-damaged areas, such as broken windows. And pets turned loose to fend for themselves are likely to become victims of exposure, starvation, predators, contaminated food or water, or accidents. Leaving dogs tied or chained outside in a disaster is a death sentence.



### REMEMBER: IF WE CANNOT FIND YOU - WE CANNOT HELP YOU!!

Make sure that your address is clearly marked with 4 inch numbers and of a contrasting color to the sign's background at the base of your driveway. The reflective address signs can be purchased at most hardware stores but may also be available from your local station.

## #6. What to do if you become trapped while in your home:

- Call 911 and alert authorities to your location.
- Stay calm and keep your family together.
- Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.
- Stay away from outside walls and windows
- Keep doors and windows closed, but unlocked.
- Ensure that you can exit the home if it catches fire. (remember if it's hot inside the house, it is much hotter outside).
- Patrol inside your home for spot fires and extinguish them.

## What to do if you become trapped while in your car:

- Stay calm.
- Park your vehicle in an area clear of vegetation.
- Close all windows and vents.
- Cover yourself with wool blanket or jacket.
- Lie on the vehicle floor.
- Use your cell phone to call 911 and alert authorities of your location

## What to do if you become trapped while on foot:

- Stay calm.
- Get to an area that is clear of vegetation; if possible a rock cropping, creek bed or ditch.
- Lie face down and cover up.
- Use your cell phone to alert authorities to your location.

