

PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR SERVICE ANIMALS AND PET OWNERS

This fact sheet is designed to provide a checklist for activities for people who own service animals to improve your emergency preparedness in an earthquake. Preparation may seem like a lot of work. It is. Preparing does take time and effort. So do a little at a time, as your energy and budget permit. The important thing is to start preparing. The more you do, the more confident you will be that you can protect yourself, your family, and your belongings.

DATE COMPLETED! ACTIVITIES

_____ I.D. tags and license are current.

_____ Animal care plan.

_____ Be prepared to function without assistance from service animal
- identify alternate mobility cues.

_____ Assemble service animal's emergency kit.

ID's and Licenses

Make sure your service animals and pets have I.D. tags with both your home telephone number and that of a primary out-of-town contact person. Make sure your animal's license is current.

Animal Care

Plan how your pets will be cared for if you have to evacuate. Pets, in contrast to service animals, may not be allowed in Reception Centres or Group Lodging facilities due to health regulations, so have some animal shelters identified! Contact your local Emergency Social Services team or Emergency Program Coordinator for guidance.

Establish relationships with other animal owners in your neighbourhood. In case you are not home, there will be someone to help your animal.

Alternate Mobility Cues

Pets and service animals may become confused, panicked, frightened or disoriented in and after a disaster: keep them confined or securely leashed or harnessed. A leash/harness is an important item for managing a nervous or upset animal. Be prepared to use alternative ways to negotiate your environment.

Service Animals Earthquake Kit (for 7 days)

Container suggestions: pack supplies in a pack that your animal can carry in case you need to evacuate.

This kit should include:

- bowl for water and food
- food
- blanket for bedding
- plastic bags and paper towels for disposing of feces
- neosporin ointment for minor wounds (Animals can easily get cut after an earthquake. Ask your veterinarian if there is anything specific you should include for your animal.)
- a favourite toy
- extra harness

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