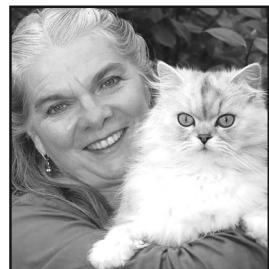


Pet Tips 'n' Tales: Pet Emergency Paw-purr-edness Kits



By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

Christine took the 'bull by the horn' for an emergency evacuation.

"My 7 1/2 lb. Pekingese, Dolly and I am paw-pared," said Christine Ballantine, founder of the Western Canada Pekingese Club. "I planned ahead and took the Humane Society's pet emergency class and collected necessities for a bug-out kit. Having a list on hand in case of a natural disaster is paramount because once an evacuation is ordered, panic supersedes normal thinking. Those with pets need to paw-pare extras."

EMERGENCY TIPS

"I can endure hardship, but knowing I was not prepared to help my dog would add to the devastation of an evacuation," said Christine.

Her "flight" bag is an airline under-seat "Sherpa" bag with an over-the-shoulder strap. She placed crate pads, pee pads, and a dog blanket on the bottom. She included clean up items like small terry towel, paper towels, poop bags, grooming brush, collapsible dishes, plastic bag with a week's worth of dog food, treats, biscuits, a couple of leashes tied to the handle and a pet first aid kit.

The extra leashes are for when you find a roving animal to help.

Dog toys were included along with a safe chewy to keep her busy and her teeth clean and her spare doggie water bottle with attached dish.

Christine includes in her own grab-n-go bag water for

them both.

Both bags and a kennel are near the front door.

In a plastic zip-lock bag, include copies of your pet's vaccination certificate, vet's address, photographs of both your pet and you together, pet's microchip number and an identification tag attached to a light buckle collar to place on your pet.

The Sherpa bag also has home information in it.

You and your pets can be housed separately at an evacuation center so, I.D. is a paramount requirement with proper fitting buckle collars and I.D. Make your own by using a black marker, and cardboard wrapped in heavy see-through packing tape.

Include an out-of-the area friend's contact information in case you are incapacitated or hospitalized.

"I also have a small collapsible, fold-up exercise pen with a floor," said Christine. "I have her medications, children's liquid Benadryl for allergic reaction, Polysporin antibiotic cream, non-steroid veterinary eye antibiotic and saline solution plus Kaop-

ectate and measured medicine syringes. I keep exercise pens and 'Vari-Kennel' crates in my car. I am prepared to help other pets if needed. A Rubbermaid tub in my car holds wet pet food with pull tab tops (and a can opener!)"

Internet pet first aid classes, emergency kit ideas and supplies for both pets and people: shopsafetyproducts.ca/first-aid-kits/first-aid-kits/pet-kit-38

shopsafetyproducts.ca/emergency-preparedness/emergency-preparedness-kits

EXTRA TIPS

- Have a pet carrier/kennel for each pet. Store the following in the carrier; vet records, toys, towel, favorite blanket, and a photo of each animal in case one escapes. Have them microchipped.
- Line the carriers with puppy pads, old towels, crate pads in case of accidents.
- Litter trays and litter.
- Include cleanup products for carsick animals, and paw-chase your cats' harnesses because they can't be carried or left in carriers for days on end.
- Floods: bungee cord pet cage to floatation device like



PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN "ANGEL SCRIBE"

Christine planned ahead on how to save her dog, Dolly and herself, in case of a natural disaster.

swimming kick board or a cooler.

• Pet shelters have slightly damaged carriers. Ask for them to evacuate your chickens/ducks etc.

Retired fire chief Dan Olsen adds: "We use a 'grab-and-go' backpack for pet and people essentials with a small cooler and five-gallon bucket (with lid) in the car with supplies which contains a bottle of hydrogen peroxide (for cuts and scratches), duct tape (for emergency repairs), paper towel rolls and toilet paper."

NOTE: pet water left outside that has ash in it turns

to lye. Replace often and put out fresh water for wild animals that are disoriented fleeing their homes.

The Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) pet webpage: www.fema.gov/helping-pets

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- Hope all the fathers had a great day on Sunday and everyone had a beautiful first day of summer.
- School is out for summer vacation. Be sure to watch for children riding bikes and/or walking along the road when going through Lorane. Also, please keep your speed at the posted limit in Lorane.

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- Work on Stoney Point is progressing nicely. Stay alert as much activity is happening from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. Trying to see it all can be distracting. Also, please keep to the posted speed.
- Once again, please follow the signal lights and be patient until the light changes! Last week someone became impatient and almost ran into a pick-up with a trailer that had the green light.
- The Lorane Community Association is planning a community-wide yard sale later this summer. If interested, contact Louise McClure.

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