

What if an emergency happens but you aren't home?

- Plan ahead with a trusted friend, family member or neighbor who is close by your home during the day and has easy access to get inside. Make sure they have a set of keys and are willing to retrieve your pet and either care for your pet at their home or take your pet with them if they must evacuate their home. Make sure they know where to find your Pet Preparedness Kit.



After the Emergency or Disaster

- Remember the emergency may be over but that life may not be "normal" for a while.
- Remember your pet has been stressed by the events. Be patient and try to get them back on a normal routine as much as possible.
- Don't let your pet roam unconfined. Even familiar areas or smells may be gone, causing your pet to become

disoriented and possibly lost. Keep your pets on a leash or in a crate for a few days until everyone is settled back in.

- If your pet continues to exhibit unusual behavioral or health problems that last longer than a few days, consult your veterinarian.

Disaster can strike anytime or anywhere. If you think you will never have to evacuate, you may be tragically mistaken. It is imperative that you make plans to evacuate your family and pets in any emergency situation.

You can register with the Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) to let us know that you have pets within your home. This information will be stored in a database and will be used to alert emergency personnel to check for animals in case you are not at home. Please go to the Johnson County Government website at www.johnsoncountywyoing.org and click on the DART team link to register your pets.

For more information on emergency planning contact the:

Johnson County Emergency Management Office
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PET PREPAREDNESS



EMERGENCY & DISASTER

Information on preparing your pets for evacuation during emergencies and disasters.



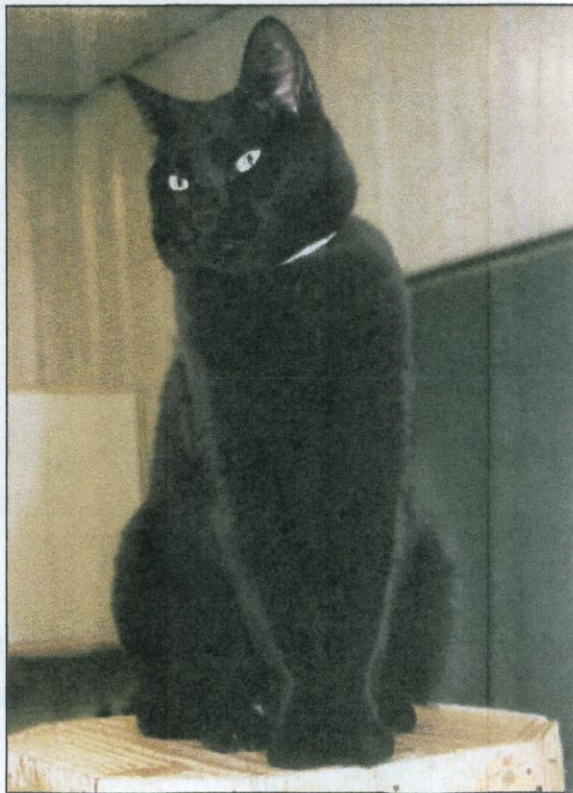
"I'm counting on you!"

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Disaster Animal Response Team
(DART)

If you are a pet owner, preparation is extremely important to assure the safety of your valued pets in case of a disaster which requires you to evacuate your home.

The Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) may be called into action to set up emergency animal shelters in some cases. DART has developed this preparedness plan so that you can be ready in case you must evacuate your home. Scenarios that could affect Johnson County residents include but are not limited to floods, fires, chemical spills/toxins; minor Yellowstone volcanic eruption and winter emergencies such as blizzards and prolonged power outages.



Pet Preparedness Kit – these items can all be stored within your pet carrier

Your kit should include:

- Portable pet carrier for each pet
- Pet medications and up-to-date medical records, including vaccination records
- A picture and description of your pet
- Leashes or harnesses
- Food, water and treats for one week
- Information on feeding schedule, medical conditions, behavior problems, name and number of your veterinarian
- Something familiar like a towel or toy to help reduce stress



What to do if authorities tell you to evacuate:

- Take your pet with you! Even if you think you may only be gone a short while, you need to take your pet if

there has been an evacuation order. Once you have been evacuated, you have no real way of knowing when you'll be allowed to return. **If it is not safe for you, it's not safe for your pet.**

- Plan ahead for the location you will evacuate to with your family and your pet.
- Find out what hotels or motels outside your immediate area allow pets and whether they have pet restrictions (size, type). If possible, call ahead for reservations as soon as you think you may have to evacuate.
- Make plans to stay with family or friends who are willing and able to shelter your family and your pet.
- Research boarding kennels and/or veterinary clinics outside your area that might provide an alternative. Keep this information as a last resort if other accommodations can't be made.

