



## ANIMAL DISASTER ACTION PLAN GUIDELINES

A disaster can be a fire, flood, mudslide or any other conditions for which you may want to evacuate.

### You and your family

- have supplies available to take care of yourself and your family for 3-5 days.
- have a “GO” Bag for these items

### Your animals

- have a way to identify each animal: ID tags, photos
- an animal “Go” bag with all supplies needed if you evacuate your animals
- this includes any house non-livestock such as dogs, cats, birds, fish, pocket pets
- have carriers and food ready for house pets
- if you self-evacuate, take all of your small pets with you

### Loading

- have a plan for how to get your animals loaded into trailers or crates, depending on animal
- have your own trailer(s) in good shape: tires, floorboards, lights
- have crates as needed for dogs, cats, chickens, small pigs or goats
- have loading equipment such as panels, pig boards, halters, lead ropes, ramps
- have your vehicles fueled up on Red Flag days
- if appropriate, have your trailer hooked up on Red Flag days



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### Practice

- It is **IMPORTANT** to practice loading your animals. It will help them and you to stay calmer if this is something they have done before an evacuation is called

### Shelter

- If your small animals require temporary shelter, contact Animal Disaster Services at (928) 449-3347 or (928) 925-7990 or call 911 to learn the location of the small animal shelter.

### Temporary Housing

- Make a plan with someone out of the area who can house your animals if you need to evacuate. Relatives and friends are best. At the very least have a conversation and a verbal understanding if not someone close to you personally.
- You may want to have a written agreement with them describing terms. This should include potential length of stay (if known), who is covering feed costs, if you are offering them compensation for housing. You may be able to reciprocate.
- In writing, give the temporary housing host permission to get veterinary help for your animals and specify how payment for this will be handled
- You may want to provide a release of liability form for you both to sign.

**MOVE SLOWLY AS YOU PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR ANIMALS FOR EVACUATION. "SLOW IS SMOOTH AND SMOOTH IS FAST"**

**TAKE SOME TIME TO CONSIDER YOUR SAFETY, YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY, YOUR ANIMALS SAFETY**

# **HAVE A PLAN!**