

Emergency Pet Evacuation

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The Animal Control Section has established a procedure to follow in the event of an emergency requiring pet evacuation.

This procedure was defined with the cooperation of personnel from the Animal Control Section, the Fire Department, and the Office of Emergency Services.

In the event of an emergency requiring pet evacuation, patrol units should direct citizens concerned about animals within the evacuation perimeter to Animal Control personnel at the incident command post or staging areas.

In the event of an emergency requiring pet evacuation, Animal Control personnel will follow the procedure outlined below:

- At least one Animal Control field unit will be stationed at the command post.
- Depending upon the need, other units may be positioned at staging areas to shuttle animals from the evacuation area to shelter.
- Animal Control field units will discontinue normal calls and respond to the designated staging area.
- Animal Control personnel will prepare the animal shelter for in-coming, evacuated animals. To handle incoming animals, the shelter will be on alert and will discontinue normal shelter service.
- Animal Control personnel will notify the East Bay SPCA and the Alameda City Animal Shelter of the emergency.

The Oakland SPCA will handle animals requiring emergency medical attention. The Oakland SPCA and the Alameda City Animal Shelter will house any overflow of animals from the Animal Control facility.

- Animal Control personnel will monitor the Animal Control channel to establish a link with field units at the command post and in the staging areas.



If you must evacuate quickly, be sure to:

- TAKE YOUR EMERGENCY KIT, INCLUDING**
 - Vital Documents
 - Photographs of everyone in your family

- TAKE YOUR PET DISASTER KIT**

- TAKE YOUR FIRST AID KIT**

- TAKE A PORTABLE, BATTERY OPERATED RADIO AND EXTRA BATTERIES**

- TAKE A LOCAL AREA MAP AND A MAP OF YOUR DESTINATION POINT (IF IT IS OUT OF YOUR LOCAL AREA)**

- CALL YOUR OUT-OF-STATE EMERGENCY CONTACT TO ADVISE THEM OF YOUR CURRENT STATUS AND WHERE YOU ARE GOING**

- TURN OFF UTILITIES, UNPLUG APPLIANCES**

- LOCK DOORS AND WINDOWS**

- IF POSSIBLE, LEAVE A NOTE ON YOUR DOOR TELLING OTHERS WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED AND THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR ANIMALS WITH YOU**

Evacuation Checklist

