

# **EVACUATION CHECKLIST**

## **CREATE A PLAN**

- \_\_\_ Arrange, ahead of time, to stay in another location in the county with family or friends. Make sure that you will be able to bring your pets if you don't want to leave them in the shelter.
- \_\_\_ Place at least one metal address marker on a metal stake at the entrance to your property.
- \_\_\_ Hide a key to your home in an easy to describe location if you have animals that live indoors.
- \_\_\_ Take your pets with you whenever possible-conditions change quickly and you may not be able to return home.

## **DOGS & CATS**

- \_\_\_ For each animal, place a metal id tag on collar (animal's name, your last name, address)
- \_\_\_ Dogs can use El Dorado County license tags/cats need to have 'break away' collars
- \_\_\_ Place photos of yourself with your pets in your wallet or glove compartment to verify ownership
- Create a Preparedness Kit:**
  - \_\_\_ Have copies of medical/vaccination records and medications (3-day supply)
  - \_\_\_ Prepare & label leashes/harnesses and cat carriers (one for each cat)
  - \_\_\_ Include food (3-day supply), feed dishes, cat litter & pan, beds/blankets, toys, treats and necessary cleaning items.

## **HORSES & LIVESTOCK**

- \_\_\_ For horses, place a metal id tag on halters and hang in easy to find location.
- \_\_\_ Identify other animals with permanent brands, tattoos, eartags, or microchips.
- \_\_\_ Be sure all horses/livestock are trained to load onto a trailer (even if you don't have one of your own)
- Plan Ahead-**
  - \_\_\_ Keep all trailers in good working condition, check tire pressure regularly
  - \_\_\_ Load trailer with equipment and supplies in advance
  - \_\_\_ Place photos, proof of ownership, name of veterinarian, and other medical info in your car
  - \_\_\_ Create a secondary water source for your stock in case of loss of electricity to well pumps (do not rely on automatic watering systems)
  - \_\_\_ Always have a minimum of 3 days hay/feed and water on hand at all times

## **BIRDS & EXOTIC PETS**

- \_\_\_ Have photos of yourself with each pet & medical records, located in vehicle for proof of ownership
- \_\_\_ All cages should be smaller than 2½ x 2½ x 3 feet
- \_\_\_ Place food near cage or give clear instructions where food can be located
- Plan Ahead-**
  - \_\_\_ Make sure that cage is transportable, otherwise have an alternative carrier for evacuating
  - \_\_\_ Always have a week's supply of food available.
  - \_\_\_ Write out dietary instructions and place on or near cage.
  - \_\_\_ Metal id tags can be secured to most bird and small mammal cages and birds can be banded.
    - \_\_\_ Label plastic or glass aquariums for identification.
    - \_\_\_ Do not rely on electricity for filters, heat lamps, or feeding systems, have battery backup or plan to evacuate as soon as possible.

## **DO NOT "CUT ANY ANIMALS LOOSE" DURING A DISASTER**

**Domestic animals do not know how to 'save themselves'**

**They may continue to run and succumb to heat exhaustion in their panic.**

**Others may remain where things are familiar, even with a safer location nearby.**

**Animals located inside of the home or within enclosures are easier to evacuate!**