



## *The First Ten Plays*

### PET EVACUATION\*

- Plan ahead now, not tomorrow, not next week. Know what you need to have in place and prepare before an event occurs.
- Identify the best, safest way to transport your pet. If they are a large mammal, make sure you have not only a container, but an appropriate restraint or leash.
- Practice an evacuation with your pet, especially if they are not used to traveling. Learn how they'll react to the vehicle and their container or cage.
- Keep your situational awareness high. If there are known risks like flooding, hurricane, or fires you should keep your Emergency Alert Station tuned on your radio, as well as your NOAA Weather Radio. It is better to evacuate early than late. It allows you more options.
- Identify where the “pet friendly” public shelters and hotels will be just in case you cannot get out of the area to a place you planned to take your pet. American Red Cross shelters will allow only “service animals,” that enable people with disabilities.  
[http://www.petfriendlytravel.com/?page=pets\\_shelters](http://www.petfriendlytravel.com/?page=pets_shelters)  
<http://www.redcross-cmd.org/Chapter/petplan.html>
- Learn what kids can do and watch the FEMA video about pet readiness at :  
<http://www.fema.gov/kids/pets.htm>  
<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html>
- Look at the guidance from the Humane Society of the United States at:  
[http://www.hsus.org/hsus\\_field/hsus\\_disaster\\_center/resources/disaster\\_preparedness\\_for\\_pets.html#After the Storm](http://www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/resources/disaster_preparedness_for_pets.html#After_the_Storm)
- Chip your pet for identification at your local vet's office. Take a recent picture of your pet with you and any identification they might have.
- Build an extensive checklist for your type of pet. See the great guides at:  
<http://www.metropets.org/Newsroom/checklists.pdf>
- Never, never, never leave your pet behind unless you have no other choice.

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*\* These are not listed in order of importance but as a group of materials that will increase the possibility of positive outcomes.*