EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Veterinarian _____

Aurora Animal Protection Officers: 303.326.8288

Owner's Cell Phone _____

Owner's Work Phone _____

Evacuation Plan Details

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Pet Shelter Options

Aurora Animal Shelter, 15750 E. 32nd Ave.
Aurora, CO 80011

Friends & Family_____

Pet Friendly Hotels_____

_____

Neighbors & Friends with Pet Care Permission

_____

_____

_____

_____

Out of Town Contact with Pet Information

Name _____

Phone_____

Email _____

Relationship _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- **Aurora Animal Services**
  auroraanimalshelter.org
- **Colorado Veterinary Medical Association**
  colovma.org
- **READYColorado**
  readycolorado.com
- **American Veterinary Medical Association**
  avma.org/public/EmergencyCare
- **Pet Friendly Hotels**
  petswelcome.com
- **Department of Homeland Security Pet Preparedness**
  ready.gov/animals
- **Colorado Red Cross**
  preparecolorado.org
- **CSU Extension**
  coloradodisasterhelp.colostate.edu

Aurora Animal Shelter
303.326.8280
auroraanimalshelter.org

CITY OF AURORA

PLAN FOR PETS

in Advance of an Emergency

Animals need emergency supplies too. Make a plan for evacuating and taking care of pets in the event of a disaster.

PET EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Q&A

You should always plan to evacuate with your pets. Pack a kit to sustain yourself, family members and pets for at least 72 hours, and remember to rotate kit stock often.

Why is it important to have a plan for both people and pets?
Pet owners have additional challenges when an evacuation is required. Personal, community and state plans to support animal evacuation and sheltering are essential in protecting both people and pets.

Who is responsible for your pets?
You as the pet owner are responsible for your pets.

Where can I take pets if I'm evacuated?
Make a list of friends and family who would be willing to take your pets on a temporary basis. Other locations include veterinary hospitals, boarding kennels and public evacuation shelters. Some hotels allow pets (www petswelcome.com).

Can my pet stay with me if I go to a public evacuation shelter?
Pet owners should evacuate with their animals whenever possible. In some cases, depending on resource availability, animals may be sheltered near their owners, but not share the same space. Owners may be expected to help care for their animals at such shelters. Depending on circumstances, it may be more feasible for the community to shelter pets at local animal facilities, such as animal shelters, kennels or veterinary hospitals.

What if I have a service animal?
Service animals are animals that provide assistance for a medical disability. They are not considered to be pets and will be allowed to stay with their owners.

What if I'm not at home when my area is evacuated?

- Create a "buddy plan" with nearby relatives, friends or neighbors to help each other with animal evacuation. Make sure your "buddy" has written permission to care for your animals and access to your pet emergency kit and kennels.
- If you need assistance with pet evacuation, you may contact Aurora Animal Services to request evacuation assistance for your pets as soon as possible.
- Place a clearly visible window sticker to indicate the type and number of pets. Make sure to keep this up to date, becuase inaccurate information could endanger fire/emergency personnel.

How should I prepare my pets?

- Keep pets up to date on preventive health care.
- Keep copies of all vaccination/health records.
- Record contact information for your veterinarian.
- Identify your pets:
  - Microchip implantation is an excellent way to identify pets, but make sure the chip is registered to your current address.
  - Photographs of you with your pet.
  - Collars or harnesses with identification tags.
- Give copies of essential identification information to someone out of the area

How should I transport my pets?
Have one airline kennel or cage per pet. Mark the kennel with your name, address, phone and an alternate contact. Make sure kennels are large enough to allow your pet to stand up and turn around, and to accommodate the pet and food and water bowls. Familiarize your pets with sleeping in the kennel/cage. Kennels for cats should be large enough to accommodate a small litter box. Pillowcases will work for transporting cats in an emergency.

What if I have pets other than dogs and cats?
Pets such as rabbits, rodents, ferrets, hedgehogs, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and others will have specific needs. Make sure you have appropriate travel cages, bedding and special foods, along with environmental controls for those pets needing special heat and humidity conditions.

Q&A

EMERGENCY PET CHECKLIST

- ☐ Pet food and water for at least three days
- ☐ Can opener, spoons
- ☐ Treats
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Copies of up-to-date vaccination records
- ☐ Collars with tags and/or microchip information
- ☐ Photos of you with your pet (both digital and paper)
- ☐ Current sticker on house window with pet list for fire/emergency personnel
- ☐ Bowls
- ☐ Cat litter and litter pan
- ☐ Poop scooper
- ☐ Pet first aid kit
- ☐ Bedding
- ☐ Toys
- ☐ Leashes or harnesses
- ☐ Muzzle (if needed)
- ☐ Leather gloves and towels (for handling upset pets)
- ☐ Grooming supplies
- ☐ Paper towels, plastic trash bags and a bottle of spray cleaner/ disinfectant
- ☐ Alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- ☐ List of important animal emergency contacts (animal protection officers, animal shelter, veterinarians, etc.)
- ☐ Other (add your unique items to the list)

_____

_____

_____