



DISASTER PLANNING FOR Animal Services

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Planning & Preparation

PROTECTING SHELTERED ANIMALS

Purpose: Planning for the safety of shelter animals if a disaster occurs.

Objectives:

- Identify the unique needs of shelter animals during a disaster.
- Establish a plan for evacuating and caring for shelter animals during a disaster.

Preparation and Needed Materials:

- Literature about plans and available resources.
- Work with management and staff to put resources into plan.

Disaster Definitions

- ▶ **Preparedness** means being ready to handle disasters and emergencies:
- ▶ Risk assessments, disaster planning, adequate supplies, trained staff, and community partnerships all contribute to disaster preparedness.
- ▶ **Mitigation** is the process of preventing or minimizing the losses and damages that emergencies cause.
- ▶ **Response** involves actions taken to deal with a disaster or emergency where animals are involved. The response is about the emergency itself as well as the problem it creates.
- ▶ **Recovery** means restoring services, facilities, programs, collections and infrastructure.

Resources and Funding

1. Create community partnerships- Utilizing other agencies for large amounts of animal intake. Such as SPCA and other animal control agencies in Monterey County
2. Request and apply for funding to cover the cost of items such as water, kenneling, medical supplies, and staffing; to include FEMA, local and state animal control agencies.

Conclusion:

- ▶ By coordinating available staff and resources, to include the shelter for the city of Salinas, the Monterey county SPCA, and other local city animal control agencies, will be able to provide adequate sheltering and care for animals affected in any disaster situation by combining resources. Funding may be provided by local agencies such as FEMA, collaborative partnerships, and community donations.