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Be Ready.



Interesting Pet Facts:

- * After Hurricane Katrina, nearly 16,000 animals required rescue. More than 80% of those animals were never reunited with their owners.
- * Between 6-8 million pets enter shelters each year.
- * The average cost of vet treatment for smoke inhalation is \$850, \$462 for blunt trauma, and \$380 for lacerations.

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June is National Pet Preparedness Month!

It is becoming increasingly important to actively prepare for emergencies, year-round, for all members of our family — including our pets! June offers us the perfect opportunity to focus some extra attention on our furry companions, by way of National Pet Preparedness Month. Read on for important pet preparedness info.



STEPS TO TAKE:

UNDERSTAND THE THREATS IN YOUR AREA.
CREATE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PLANS.
UPDATE CONTACT INFO.
KEEP PET RECORDS AND MEDICATIONS ON HAND.
SEARCH FOR LOCAL PET SHELTERS.
STOCK UP ON FOOD, WATER AND MEDICATIONS.

Share your plan! Consider the possibility that a sitter or friend may look after your pet from time to time. There is often little warning when disaster strikes, so communicating your plans to anyone who cares for your pet is an important consideration to take! For more information on preparedness measures and supplies for your kits, visit ready.gov/pet-toolkit

Travel and Vacation Preparedness:

The efforts put forth by the entire community regarding COVID-19 has been remarkable. As we continue forward with the re-opening phases in Illinois and across the nation, it is important to remember that this virus still exists. That means taking proactive sanitation measures and following official guidance in place when traveling or visiting a populated area. If you have questions about the guidelines in place or measures you can take, visit cdc.gov and select “Travelers’ Health” to receive travel notices and recommendations for the destination of choice.



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- * **51** young children died in hot cars in 2019. In 2020, a death was reported as early as April.
- * Over the last 30 years, the U.S. has averaged **51** lightning fatalities per year .
- * Only about 10% of people struck by lightning are killed by the strike.



Be Prepared for the Heat this Summer!



It is **NEVER** safe to leave a toddler, disabled person or pet locked in a car, *even in the winter*. If you have a toddler in your household, lock your cars, even in your own driveway. Young children can easily trap themselves. In locked vehicles, toddlers have passed away even in 70 degree weather.

- ◇ **MAKE SURE YOU DRINK LOTS OF WATER TO STAY HYDRATED AND PREVENT DEHYDRATION, HEAT STROKE & MORE.**
- ◇ **IN EXTREME HEAT, DRESS IN LOOSE-FITTING, LIGHTWEIGHT, AND LIGHT-COLORED CLOTHES. AVOID DARK COLORS BECAUSE THEY ABSORB THE SUN'S RAYS.**
- ◇ **KEEP STRENUOUS ACTIVITY TO A MINIMUM DURING THE HOTTEST PARTS OF THE DAY (11AM-2PM) AND USE A BUDDY SYSTEM!**
- ◇ **DURING EXTREME HEAT, CHECK ON FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS WHO DO NOT HAVE AC OR THAT SPEND A LOT OF THEIR TIME ALONE.**



WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS!



Most lightning victims are not struck during the worst of a thunderstorm but rather before or after the storm reaches its greatest intensity. This is because many people are unaware that lightning can strike as far as 25 miles away from its parent thunderstorm, much farther out from the area of rainfall within the storm! **The safest location during a thunderstorm is inside a large enclosed structure with plumbing and electrical wiring.** If such a place is unavailable, seek shelter in an enclosed metal vehicle. **Buildings, structures and vehicles with exposed sides are NOT safe!**

Please remember that in the event of a severe weather emergency, these green information boxes will be continuously updated with important information.

For more information on the green boxes, including locations, please visit:

<https://www.mountprospect.org/how-do-i/learn-about/emergency-management>