

## SMALL ANIMALS

- Small animals, such as hamsters, gerbils, mice, and guinea pigs, should be transported in secure carriers with bedding materials, food, and food bowls.
- Items to keep on hand: Salt lick, extra water bottle, small hide box or tube, a week's worth of bedding.

## LARGE ANIMALS

Larger animals such as goats, sheep, horses and cattle are much more difficult to evacuate quickly during a disaster.

Listed below are some tips that can help:

- Ensure all animals have some form of identification.
- Evacuate animals earlier, whenever possible. Map out primary and secondary routes in advance.
- Make available vehicles and trailers needed for transporting and supporting each type of animal. Also make available experienced handlers and drivers.
- Ensure destinations have food, water, veterinary care and handling equipment.
- If evacuation is not possible, animal owners must decide whether to move large animals to a barn or turn them loose outside.



**LARIMER HUMANE SOCIETY**

## ANIMAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

- **Larimer Humane Society**  
(970) 226-3647
- **Animal Protection and Control**  
(970) 226-3647 Ext 7
- **Larimer County Office of Emergency Management**  
(970) 498-5500
- **NOCO Alerts**  
Be alerted when it is needed most.  
Sign up for emergency alerts by  
visiting [nocoalert.org](http://nocoalert.org) or by texting  
"NOCOALERT" to 888-777





## MAKE A PLAN

## LICENSING

It's important to get your animal licensed. Check out our website [www.larimerhumane.org](http://www.larimerhumane.org) for more licensing information.

## REPTILES

- A snake may be transported in a pillowcase, but you should have permanent and secure housing for him when you reach a safe place.
- Take a sturdy bowl that is large for your pet to soak in. It's also a good idea to bring along a heating pad or other warming device, such as a hot water bottle.
- Lizards can be transported like birds.

## BIRDS

- Birds should be transported in a secure travel cage or carrier.
- Have recent photos available, and keep your bird's leg bands on for identification.
- Keep the carrier in as quiet an area as possible.
- It is particularly imperative that birds eat on a daily basis, so purchase a timed feeder. If you need to leave your bird unexpectedly, the feeder will ensure his daily feeding schedule.



## EMERGENCY KIT

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival. Review the Kits regularly to ensure the contents.

- Food
- Water
- Medicine
- First aid kit
- Collar with ID tags
- Travel bag, crate or carrier
- Grooming items
- Sanitation needs
- Pictures of you and your pet together
- Familiar items such as favorite toys, treats or bedding.

These items should be readily available in a bag or box near an exit in case of an emergency evacuation.

**Emergencies come in many forms, and they may require a brief absence or permanent evacuation from your home. The best thing you can do for yourself and your animals is to be ready. Here are steps you can follow to help prepare before disaster strikes:**

## EVACUATION PLAN

We understand that being away from your animals can be difficult. We recommend keeping a list of pet-friendly hotels and boarding facilities in the local area. If those are full or not an option, we are more than willing to care for your pets.

## DEVELOP A BUDDY SYSTEM

Coordinate with neighbors, friends or family members to ensure that your pets will be taken care of or evacuated if you are unable.

## HAVE YOUR PET MICROCHIPPED

Ensure that your address and phone number are kept up to date and include emergency contact information.