

Checklist Prior to an Emergency Incident:

- Check to see “What’s is in Your Backyard” on the EA website: <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby>
- Prepare an evacuation plan from your home
- Prepare yourself and your family by looking at the “Get Ready For The Unexpected” booklet on the GM Prepared website: www.agma.gov.uk/greater-manchester-prepared
- Print the pet notice that can be displayed in your window just in case you need to leave you property without your pet www.agma.gov.uk/greater-manchester-prepared

Checklist

- **Pet Food**
- **Bowls for food and water**
- **Pet carrier/ cage**
- **Medication**
- **Lead if applicable**
- **Pet papers if applicable/vaccination certificates**
- **Pet bedding**
- **Pet toys**

**KEEP THIS LEAFLET IN A SAFE PLACE.
KEEP YOUR PLANS UPDATED.**

This document is also available on request in braille, large print, disc and can be translated into different languages.

Plan Now To *Protect* Your Pet During an Emergency



This leaflet gives guidance to pet owners



What to Expect in an Emergency Situation

During an emergency incident, the emergency services such as Police and Fire Service may require an evacuation of your home. In the event of this, you will need to consider the well-being and the requirements of your pet(s).



What you can do to prepare for an emergency situation

By preparing now you will save valuable time in an emergency situation. Do not wait until it is too late!

What you can do now:

- Ensure that your pet is identifiable (a microchip is recommended)
- Make sure you have sufficient food and medication where required for the needs of your pet
- Discuss with friends or family to see if they would be able to accommodate your pet in an emergency situation
- Store documents like vaccination records, your vet's details and pet's microchip details in a sealed bag



Evacuation

If you are evacuated from your home, you may want to consider staying with friends or relatives. If this is not possible an emergency rest centre may be open nearby.

A rest centre is a venue such as a leisure or community building usually run by the Council. It can provide short term shelter, warmth, food and refreshment. Rest centres will have a limited capacity to house pets, due to the lack of on-site facilities, but every effort will be made to accommodate evacuees and their pets.

Boarding

You may want to look at local boarding kennels to see if they have accommodation for your pet. Failing this local farms or veterinarians may be able to assist short term.

Various agencies within Greater Manchester may be able to assist, such as:

Manchester and Cheshire Dogs Home

Crofters House
Moss Brook Road
Harpurhey
Manchester, M9 5PG
0844 504 1212

RSPCA (Manchester and Salford)

565 Wilbraham Road
Chorlton
Manchester, M21 0AE
0161 882 0680

Leigh Dogs and Cats Home

Graveoak
East Lancashire Road
Lancashire, WN7 3SE
01942 671 215



Pets in Situ

In an emergency it may not be possible or advisable for owners to take some pets with them. Some animals may be left at home for a period of time, where the environment or their accommodation is suitable and considered safe.

Providing a safe environment may vary from free access in your home to a cage or a tank, depending on the needs of the pet. You will need to leave sufficient food and water to cater for the needs of the animal. Under no circumstances should pets be tied up or have unnecessary restricted movement when left at home, as this may place them in a stressful situation or danger.

If you do leave your pet in situ it is advisable to leave a note in the window to inform Emergency Responders.

Please advise authorities if this is an option that you choose.

Legislation

The Animals Welfare Act 2006 now puts the responsibility for animal welfare and the avoidance of preventable suffering, with all animal keepers.

Owner Safety

Animals rely on your protection for their well-being. In an emergency situation, they need you to ensure their safety. However, ***never put your own or another human life in danger to save an animal.***