



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™**

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Director,
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Dear Club Officer,

The American Kennel Club encourages all local clubs to create a Disaster Preparedness Plan for the benefit of companion animals affected by natural disasters in any given area and to actively disseminate this information to the public in addition to volunteering in your community during disaster relief activities.

Please take a moment to read the list below and respond on a separate piece of paper. Clubs that have completed a majority of these elements may meet the Disaster Preparedness for Clubs eligibility requirements to hold a future dog show. If your club has done anything outside of the scope of the questions below please let us know about them so we can credit your club and share those ideas with other clubs.

1. Names, phone numbers and e-mails of club officer contacts most likely to contact AKC during a natural disaster when looking to offer assistance to your local community through the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund. Learn more at: www.akccar.org
2. Describe any publicity your club has done to alert the media/public about the importance of disaster preparedness for your pets. This can include press releases, articles in the media listing your club as a source of information, fliers and/or disaster preparedness checklists (found at www.akc.org/news/disaster_preparedness/ distributed at club events, meetings and other public functions.
3. Provide information to the public on pet emergency kits available for purchase in the community you serve. These kits should be small, self-contained units and should include an extra leash, collar, ID tags or information, water and/or food dish(es), and the pet's medical information. Optional items may include a small supply of water, antiseptic, and bandage material.
4. Best and alternate evacuation routes out of the area.
5. List of pet-friendly hotels in your area (or beyond probable evacuation areas) where evacuees can stay with their dogs.
6. List of temporary facilities to house displaced dogs when evacuation orders are issued. (May include individual volunteers, boarding kennels, vet hospitals, animal control tasked with setting up temporary shelters at fairgrounds, livestock arenas, horse shows grounds, etc.)

7. Additionally, it is suggested that clubs offer microchip clinics through their annual events. If your club offers these services, please list here. For more information on discounted microchip clinic kits for clubs please go to www.akccar.org
8. List any local animal control department / officers or humane societies (names, phone numbers, e-mails) charged with securing temporary housing for pets during times of natural disasters.
9. List if your club has donated funds or supplies (date/amount) to the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund or any local organization in the name of disaster preparedness/relief.
10. Other activities which demonstrate your club's participation in Disaster Preparedness or Disaster Relief in your community.

Please mail Disaster Preparedness Plan to:

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If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 212-696-8360.

Sincerely,



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