



Practice Newsletter

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Are you prepared for whatever winter may deliver?

With the recent storms and hurricanes that have been in the headlines over the last few weeks, if the unexpected happens being stocked and ready to face an emergency is the best way to keep safe. Your pets can't fend for themselves and are especially vulnerable if you're forced to batten down the hatches because of bad weather. Here are our top items to include in a pet emergency kit so that you can weather the storm safely.

Water

When bad weather strikes, obtaining fresh water is essential. Make sure you have supplies of bottled water, don't forget to think of your pets. The more you can store for you and your family including your pets the better.

Food

Ensure that you have ample supply of your pet's normal food. You might consider wet food as this will help to stretch out the precious water supply. Don't forget the can opener!

Medications

Like people, some pets suffer from conditions that require the constant administration of medicine to keep them healthy. Speak with your vet ahead of time to secure an ample supply of pet medicines you may not have access to if we are hit with severe weather.



Proof of Vaccinations and Ownership

You may want to keep your pet's vaccination records along with a photo and/or any ownership papers of your pets in a container as an essential component of your pet emergency kit. If you have to move out of home for any reason, you may have to board your pet and some boarding facilities will require your pet to be vaccinated. Keeping proof of vaccination and ownership on hand will identify both the vaccinations and you as the pet owner.

An Emergency Help List

In cases of an emergency it's always useful to have to hand those emergency no's of all your main utility providers but don't forget to add boarding kennels & catteries or helpful neighbours.

Leads and / or Pet Carriers

In the event of severe weather, your pet may panic and try to break loose to find a place to hide. Many pets become trapped or injured because of this. Therefore, it is best to use leads and/or carriers to restrain your pet from running out into unsafe conditions.

ID Tags and Microchipping

Whether faced with an emergency situation or not, if you do become separated from your pet, the best way to be reunited with them is to have them microchipped and also have an ID tag. If your pet is microchipped don't forget to keep your contact information up to date!

First Aid Kit

Together with the telephone number of the nearest emergency vet, you can put together an emergency medical kit for your pets should they become injured. Include items such as gauze to bandage an injury and Hibiscrub to disinfect a wound.

Creature Comforts

Your pet may be confined to a small space for an undetermined amount of time. Try to include a pet bed, extra litter, clean blankets and towels in your pet emergency kit. Like you, your pets will be nervous and frightened. Soothing them any way you can, will make your pets more likely to stay calm and relaxed until conditions improve.

Welcome to the Animates Team

We would like to introduce the following new members to the team



Caroline Blake – Qualified Veterinary Nurse

Caroline worked as a Veterinary Nurse Lecturer at the College of Animal Welfare before joining Animates full time from July 2017 having previously been working part time on the weekend rota.

Caroline works with Sarah Pellet as an exotic nurse and has a special interest in exotic animals.

She will be studying towards the City & Guilds Exotics Certificate in the next year.

Caroline lives at home with two dogs, two cats, her husband and two children.

Alana Taylor – Qualified Veterinary Nurse

Alana qualified as a veterinary nurse in November 2016 and joined Animates in August 2017 having moved from a large practice in West Yorkshire. She has a keen interest in emergency work and would eventually like to complete a certificate in emergency and critical care.



In her spare time Alana is a keen baker and enjoys taking her dog Bella for long walks, cycling and has recently started swimming regularly. She is aiming to climb the three highest peaks in the UK with her dad over the next year.

Sam Thompson – Student Nurse

Sam has been working in practice for two years and enrolled with the College of Animal Welfare in September 2016. He had previously worked at another practice but was interested in what Animates had to offer so moved here!

Outside of work one of his main hobbies is football; whether it's playing every Saturday, or keeping up with the latest scores.

Sam has a 1 year old cocker spaniel named Frank, who also keeps him active. He also enjoys listening to music and socialising with his friends.



Chelsey Surgenor – Veterinary Care Assistant

Originally from Northern Ireland, Chelsey has recently joined Animates as a VCA after travelling for 18 months covering 15 countries and will begin her veterinary nurse training in January 2018.

Chelsey has an honors degree in zoo biology, and has a passion for wildlife.

After working in practices in Australia and the UK Chelsey is looking forward to settling down in Lincolnshire with her fiancé Matt. At home she has a Bengal called Zuma and a terrier cross called Django. Outside of work Chelsey enjoys walking, nature photography, travelling and finding time to visit family and friends.



Hannah Chamberlain – Veterinary Care Assistant

Hannah has recently joined us as a Veterinary Care Assistant after spending some time travelling where she had the opportunity to work with lots of different kinds of animals.

In her spare time Hannah loves to swim and likes reading. Hannah has two rats and a kitten and is now looking forward to starting college and training towards becoming a qualified nurse.



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Services include, Routine veterinary medicine and surgery, exotic referrals, pet care plans, home visits, acupuncture, nurse clinics, exotic boarding, pet passports and export, out of hours service, Kitty mates (home visits for feeding and caring for pets), separate wards for cats, dogs and exotics, off road parking.