

TEMPORARY SHELTERS for pets

Why are they necessary?

Because they reduce risk of loss for pets, and exposure of individuals trying to protect them. Pets are considered family members and their loss may become a health risk



Be careful! In emergencies, animal nervousness **may** cause them to behave in an unpredictable way

Owners, supported by authorities, **are responsible to keep a safe place for pets**

What must I do if they remain at home?



Place them in the safest area your home has, away from risk like crystal that may be broken, or heavy objects that may fall



Leave a note on the window indicating that your pet is inside, so first responders and neighbors may be aware your pet is there

Suggestions



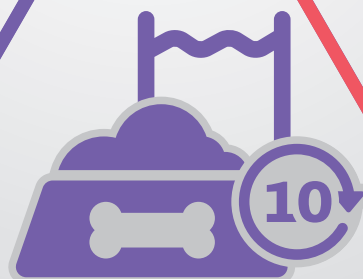
Identify locations that may be temporary shelters



Practice drills that include animal



Keep supplies in closed containers that may easily be carried



Leave with them a 10-day minimum supply of food and water

Animal care guidelines



Make sure they are properly **identified**



Keep their vaccines **current**, and keep their health record in a safe place



Have your pets become **familiar** with their kennels



Train them to be sociable

Be informed

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Animal wellbeing

Fostering social resilience

Socioeconomic impact

With the loss or death of animals as a result of disasters, communities lose their way of life and their wellbeing, which makes them more vulnerable and decreases their capability to recover



In the 200-2012 period, the economic impact on the Mexican farming and livestock sector exceeded



42 000
million pesos

Civil protection programs in rural and urban environments must include plans to safeguard animals during emergencies, since they provide the following benefits



Adequate care and health control reduce the possibility of animals becoming ill and prevents the spread of diseases



During evacuation, animals help to mobilize families, because they know that their pets will have temporary shelter and food

The power of being prepared

Informed people can mitigate the negative effects of disturbing events through actions that reduce existing risks and hinder the appearance of new ones



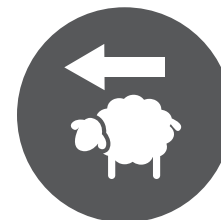
Develop emergency plans that include the animals



Train in animal care



Build and/or strengthen animal shelters



Identify the way to evacuate the animals in case of an event, taking care of their security



Develop early warning systems with authorities in your area



Support those in need with water and food



Implement vaccination programs



Prepare census to identify characteristics and needs animals have