

Disaster struck and can strike again without warning from Moore, OK to Marin, CA

(NOVATO, CA, May 23, 2013) There are several national animal organizations on the ground or preparing to help the animals and people impacted by the Oklahoma tornado, especially in the city of Moore, OK.

As with any major disaster (man-made or natural), we want to make sure that help goes to legitimate groups in the most effective way (which is usually donations to the local organization hit the hardest).

We know that the two local animal welfare organizations most impacted by this tragedy are:

**Oklahoma City Animal Shelter
Humane)**

<http://www.okc.gov/animalwelfare/>

Central Oklahoma Humane Society (OK

<http://www.okhumane.org/>

Are you prepared for a disaster? Does that plan include your pets?



The Marin Humane Society has organized a countywide animal disaster plan in the event of a disaster or emergency. Together with the Marin County Office of Emergency Services (OES), the American Red Cross and other key agencies, the Marin Humane Society provides food, shelter, medication and transportation for those families who need help with their pets in the event of an emergency.

Your Disaster Plan

Do you have a plan for your pets in case of an earthquake, flood or fire? In the event of an emergency, a well-practiced disaster program will both reduce stress and save precious time and lives. Listed below are some simple recommendations to help keep you and your pets safe and calm during a disaster.

- **Have a Plan.** Your family plan should include how you will transport your animals in an evacuation, possible routes you will take and your destination/sheltering and communication options.
- **Build a Kit.** Don't forget a photo of your pet,

vaccination and medical records, and any special food or prescriptions.

- **Current ID and Vaccinate.** A collar and ID tag with current contact information and a microchip ID can be your pet's ticket home. If you're ever required to shelter your pets, you'll want them protected against disease.

[Detailed Disaster Preparedness Companion Animals](#)

[Detailed Disaster Preparedness for Large or Farm Animals](#)

Additional Resources:

Novato Police Offering Free Disaster Preparedness Courses

Courses will be held June 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, Novato

The Marin Interagency Disaster Coalition (MIDC)

<http://www.midcpartners.org/>

Get Ready Marin

<http://www.getreadymarin.org/>

For more information, please visit MarinHumaneSociety.org or call 415.883.4621.

Attached photo of Pet Disaster Supplies courtesy of the Marin Humane Society

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