



Emergency Planning for

Pets & Livestock

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Everyone knows how important it is to have local emergency and disaster management plans. Yet often, the need to care for livestock and family pets during emergencies is overlooked. The Animal Issues Committee (AIC) of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has written a new guideline to help local authorities include this critical need in their emergency management plans. The guideline was approved by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) in the spring of 2005.

The information below explains how local jurisdictions can incorporate animal issues into their emergency management plans. It explains what local plans should include, what role county Extension agents can play, and how animal management plans can best be used.

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[Animal Management During Disasters and Emergencies](#)

Caring for Animals

The following animal disaster resources are provided by FEMA.gov

- [Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies](#)
- Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system.
- [Animals in Emergencies for Owners](#)
- This video, developed by the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)/FEMA, is intended to help pet and livestock owners prepare to protect their animals during emergencies.
- [Information for Pet Owners](#)
- Guidelines on how to prepare a plan to care for pets before, during and after a disaster.
- [Information for Livestock Owners](#)

- Guidelines on how to prepare a plan to care for large animals before, during and after a disaster.