



Prepare Your Pet for Emergencies

Emergencies come in many forms and happen quickly. How prepared are you for an emergency? As a pet owner you must also prepare for your pet in the event of an emergency. The best way to prepare your pet is to do so before there is an emergency. Here are a few things you can start doing now:

- ▶ **Information Binder:** collect all vet records for each of your pets in a brightly colored binder. Place the binder by the door for easy access so when there is an emergency you are not looking for the information. Things to include in the binder are the vet's name, clinic name, clinic phone number, specialists seen and their information, all visit results, blood work, biopsy results, emergency clinic information, picture of you and your pets (at different angles if possible), any behavior problems (such as guarding toys or not good with cats), eating habits, medical conditions and medications and basic information about each pet including description, breed, weight, and any other information that may be helpful if you are not able to be with them during an emergency. This will also help you to provide as much information to an emergency vet if necessary. Also include a copy of your emergency evacuation plan in your binder.
- ▶ **Evacuation plan:** have an evacuation plan that includes your pet. If you are unable to stay home during an emergency, do not leave your pet at home. Have a list of places that you and your pet can go, such as friends, family, and some pet friendly hotels. Check with pet friendly hotels to see if policies have changed. Have an evacuation kit ready and easily accessible. Things to include in the kit are a crate or carrier for each pet, 3 to 7 days worth of water and food for each pet, 3 to 7 days worth of medications your pets are on, and a copy of the binder, extra ID tags (if possible with contact information of where you will be staying), leashes, collars, a tie out and stake, a couple favorite toys and blankets, disinfecting cleaner, paper towels, plastic bags for clean up, bowls for feeding, and a first aid kit. Remember to change out food and medication every two months. Also make sure the food and binder are in a water proof container or re-sealable plastic bags.
- ▶ **First Aid Training:** another thing you can do is to take a first aid course for pets. These are available through the Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/>), community colleges, rescue groups, and animal shelters. You should prepare or buy a first aid kit. Keep it handy and with you when you are out with your pet. Things to include are antibiotic ointment, bandages and scissors, self adhesive wrap, gauze, non-stick pads and tape, Benadryl, buffered aspirin (don't forget to get dosage amounts for your pets from vet), hydrocortisone, peroxide, alcohol, petroleum jelly, muzzle, tweezers, active charcoal and re-sealable bags. On your first aid kit you should also write local and the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control number (888-426-4435), your regular vet's number and emergency vet's number.
- ▶ **Please check on my pets:** keep a card in your wallet stating you have pets at home that need care in case you are involved in an accident or have a medical emergency. List number of pets, what kind, where they may be in the house and who can get into your house that is comfortable taking care of them in the event you are unable to. This should be determined in advance.



With a little preparation you and your pet can get through any emergency!

Sasha the Siberian Circus Elephant

During the afternoon on a lazy Saturday, the doorbell rang. We weren't expecting anyone, so we were curious as to whom it would be. After grabbing all four Huskies so that none would escape, we opened the door and were very surprised to see several 8-12 year old children from various homes in the neighborhood. Even more to our surprise was the nature of their visit.

When we answered the door and asked what they were looking for. They asked: "Can we borrow your Huskies for the circus?" Now we were at a total loss.

When one of the children's mothers came by about 15 minutes later, she informed us that the children wanted to put on a circus for their parents, and they were looking for participants. Since they had seen us walking "the Huskies" around the neighborhood, they thought that they would make great circus acts. We told them that one Husky would probably be best, so we decided that Sasha would attend.

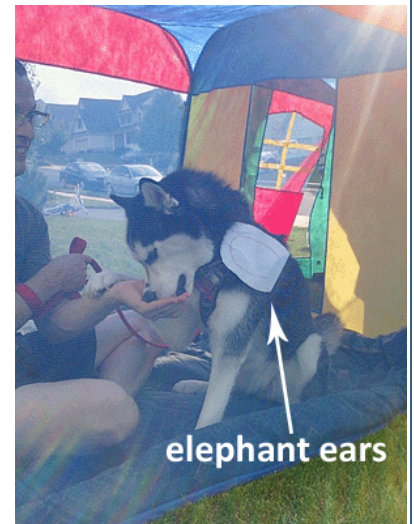
The next day at around 5PM when the circus was to start, we grabbed a bag of treats, harnessed Sasha, and walked down to the circus. (I had to let the first child know that unfortunately Sasha was too strong for him to hold during the event, and asked if it would be OK if I was in the circus holding her.) The first thing that we did was to put on Sasha's costume. It was an elastic band with elephant ears; she wore them like a champ. It was very difficult to tell a difference between her and an actual elephant. 😊

The plan at this point (per the kids) was to have 5 acts with comedy and tricks and various other things. It turned out that they had a joke section and a comedy fencing act as well. The act that we were a part of was the animal tricks act.

When it was our turn, there was one other dog (similar to a Shih Tzu, not sure what the actual breed is) that went first. It was obvious from the beginning that Coco had not been trained. He didn't respond to anything that his poor handler tried to ask him to do.

Then it was Sasha's turn. Sasha first responded to all of my commands: sit, stay, play dead. Everyone watching was so impressed with her. She even jumped through a hoop, although that took a little coaxing. At this point, the children wanted to give her commands now that they saw that she would actually do the commands. Several of them took turns doing this.

By the end of the show, Sasha had gained true celebrity status. Everyone loved her and came over to pet her. Even the 1 year old in the crowd came over to pet her. Sasha was so good, I'm sure she'll be invited to next year's event.



Dogs Adopted in 2009

We are seeing fewer adoptions in 2009 than we have in past years due to the economy and the fact that many people are saving their money and being more careful about taking on additional expenses like pets. However, we are happy to say that as of October 1st, 2009, we have adopted out 12 dogs in 2009!

Siberian Husky – 10

Samoyed – 1

Mixes – 1

You can follow updates on our adopted dogs on our Fur Ever Homes blog (<http://www.fureverhomes.blogspot.com/>).

Elizabethtown Fair

This year Harnessed to Hope participated in the Elizabethtown fair in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. The fair features vendors, rides, petting zoos, livestock shows, local food and live music, as well as games and prizes. The fair was held at the Elizabethtown Fairgrounds from August 24th through 29th. Every year the MARS corporation participates in the fair to fundraise for a non-profit organization. A Harnessed to Hope volunteer works at the MARS Corporation, and she nominated Harnessed to Hope as the non-profit! Thanks to her and some very dedicated HTH volunteers that helped out at the fair, Harnessed to Hope received a very generous donation. Harnessed to Hope would like to thank the MARS Corporation for their kind donation. It will help us to help a lot of dogs!

Read Becki's story to see how donations help dogs in need: <http://bit.ly/JXazE>.

Interested in helping?

We would love to see you and your dogs at any of these events. If you are able to help out by volunteering some time to help man the booth, set up or pack up, that would be great too! If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our web site, www.nbrescue.com, and click on Volunteering for more information.



Upcoming Events

Harnessed to Hope will be at the following upcoming events:

- ▶ **DogFest 2009:** October 10th, Hunt Valley, MD - this will be a huge, really fun even with a lot going on! A 5K race, fun, games and food! For more information, go to <http://www.dogfest2009.org/>.
- ▶ **Barktoberfest:** October 10th – this will be a fun event for animal lovers, families and their dogs. This event is from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Cedar Beach Parkway in Allentown, PA
- ▶ **Walk for Paws:** October 24th, Ellicott City, MD - this event will have lots of fun activities for you and your dog, prizes for top walkers, contests, games, raffles, unique merchandise, an animal communicator, caricaturists, \$20 micro-chipping, a pet photographer, kids tables and more! For more information, go to <http://www.animal-advocates.org>.

You can also sign up to receive an RSS feed or emails about our events on our web site..

The Frugal (dog) Gourmet

Looking for a practical gift for dog lovers? Or do you know someone who is very picky about what they feed their dog? Or someone who is trying to save money on dog treats? You can't go wrong with the Harnessed to Hope Dog Treat Recipe book! It's a fun and practical gift for any dog lover.

This book contains **102** recipes, some for baked, frozen, and microwave treats, and even recipes for birthday

cakes, doggie cupcakes, and special dinners! There is even a section on treats for special diets and substituting ingredients for dogs with food allergies or intolerances.

Each book is only \$10.00 plus shipping, and all proceeds to go Harnessed to Hope Northern Breed Rescue. Order by going to our web site, www.nbrescue.com.

Social Media Madness!

You can easily keep up with Harnessed to Hope and our foster dogs by checking out our YouTube Channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/HTHNBR#p/u/6/utAz-FyObzw>), or following us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/hthnbr>.

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