PLANNING AHEAD

PLAN

Plan your pet's evacuation prior to the disaster to include asking others familiar with your pets to assist in the event you're not able to. Make sure your pet has current ID and vaccination tags and is microchipped if possible so that your pet can be identified even if they lose their ID tags. Fill out Pet Emergency Wallet, Disaster Plan Emergency Info, and Pet ID/Medical Information cards (available free of charge at the Souris Valley Humane Society Animal Shelter).

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Find a safe place for your pet ahead of time; make a contact list of hotels, motels, relatives and friends who will accept your pet as well as animal shelters and boarding kennels both in and out of the immediate area. A list of all known pet-friendly Minot hotels is included on the back page of this brochure, to include a U.S. pet-friendly hotel website.

PUBLIC PET DISASTER SHELTERS

In case of disaster, Ward County will open public 'Pet Friendly' shelters that allow dogs and cats. IMPORTANT: These shelters will ONLY accept pets wearing current ID and vaccination tags and with a MINIMUM of the mandatory asterisked items in the 'Pet Kits' list. 'Pet Friendly' shelters will be 'dual purpose' shelters as pets and people will be housed in separate areas within the same facility. At least one family member capable of caring for the animal MUST stay in the shelter.

PET KITS

Prepare a portable pet disaster supplies kit in a waterproof container in advance that contains the following:

- ☐ Sturdy leashes/harnesses*
- ☐ Portable kennel (large enough for pet to stand up and turn around)*
- ☐ Medications, if needed (30-day supply)*
- ☐ Medical records
- ☐ First aid kit, including vet contact info and an authorization to treat your pets
- ☐ Current photos (in case they get lost)
- ☐ Supply of food*/potable water
- ☐ Food and water bowls*
- ☐ Living arrangement contact list*
- ☐ Cat litter/pan*
- ☐ "Pooper Scooper"/baggies*
- ☐ Manual can opener (if needed)
- ☐ Brush or comb
- ☐ Familiar toy, catnip, chews, owner scent (something familiar to comfort)
- ☐ Dog tie-outs
- ☐ Feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior information and the name of your vet if needed.

AS DISASTER APPROACHES

CONTACT/EVACUATE

Use your contact list to determine where to go; evacuate early, taking your pets with you if at all possible. Don't leave them stranded and helpless, not knowing when you'll be able to return to them.

ID

Make sure your pet is wearing securely fastened, current ID tags. Put adhesive tape on the back of the tag with a friend/relative's contact info outside the immediate area if you can't be reached.

KIT

Bring your preassembled waterproof portable pet disaster kit.