



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **- Disaster Preparedness for Pets -**

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. March 1, 2011 – Your evacuation plan should be created with all members of your household, well in advance of a disaster.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reminds people that if you have pets, you should also include your pets in your disaster plans. A disaster plan for pets should include one for your home and a portable version should you need to evacuate. Include water, medication, toys and a bed or blanket. Review your kits regularly to ensure that their contents are fresh. Keep in mind that pets are not allowed at evacuation shelters, so arrange a location in advance. If you have large animals or livestock, make special arrangements for their care and transportation during an evacuation.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reminds people to be ready and have a plan of action in place in case a disaster occurs in your area. For more information about disaster planning, please review the **Ready! Set! Go! Program** at [www.sbcfire.com](http://www.sbcfire.com).

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