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Blue Ravine Cares for Animals in Need!

Blue Ravine Animal Hospital is proud to offer help to animals in need!!

In October 2016, we enrolled in the AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund, a program created by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) to support veterinarians in offering low or no-cost services to clients facing extraordinary hardships, as well as a way to support animals rescued from abuse and neglect.

The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) is the charitable arm of the American Veterinary Medical Association, one of the oldest and largest veterinary medical organizations in the world. More than 91,000 member veterinarians worldwide are engaged in a wide variety of professional activities.

The Foundation, founded in 1963, is headquartered in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Since its inception, AVMF has provided more than \$10,000,000 in grants to help veterinarians help animals through education, advocacy, service and research programs, and activities.

Blue Ravine Animal Hospital donates considerable time and money each year to local, animal health-related charitable endeavors. As a participant in the AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable



Fund, we are empowered to provide charitable care to those in need.

We encourage community members to make tax-deductible charitable contributions to the AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund at AVMF.org/CARE or at the practice location.

For more information on the AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund and other animal health and wellness programs provided by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, visit AVMF.org.

To donate to help Blue Ravine's veterinarians provide care for injured or abandoned animals, please click the link below.

<https://www.vccfund.org/forms/donation-form/?ref=315&company=Blue%20Ravine%20Animal%20Hospital>

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September: Disaster Preparedness Month

Did you know the month of September is National Disaster Preparedness Month? So, this is a good time to make sure that you are well prepared for disasters or emergencies. The general rule is to be prepared to go three days without food sources, water, electricity or access to stores or local services.

This article focuses on preparations for your pet. For more information on what humans need, check out some great resources from FEMA or the American Red Cross on human survival kits.

During Hurricane Katrina, many pets were sadly abandoned. If you end up evacuating your home, don't leave your pets behind, as the likelihood they'll survive or reconnect with you afterwards is low (especially without a collar and microchip—see our coupon on the back page for a discount on microchips)!

Keep in mind that if you are going to a public shelter during a disaster, often animals are not allowed inside. When in doubt, survey pet-friendly hotels in advance so you know you have a place to go to with your pets. Also, make sure you have shelter alternatives in advance – friends, loved ones, colleagues, etc. who are willing to host you and your pet(s) in case of an evacuation or emergency.

Making an animal emergency supply preparedness kit for your pet is simple: start with a brightly colored backpack. (If it's red or a bright color you can also use it as a signal for help.). Also, in an emergency, you can easily find it in your closet or basement and “grab and go.”

Some must-haves to include in your animal emergency backpack include:

- A luggage tag on your backpack – that way, your name, address, email and multiple emergency contact numbers are available.
- A leash, harness, cat carrier (a pillow case or cardboard box will work in a pinch) and extra collar, appropriately labeled with pet identification tags with your contact information.
- A copy of your pet's latest health certificate, vaccine records, and medical records in a sealed, watertight plastic bag. Please call us if you are not enrolled in Petly which allows 24 hour access to your pet's vaccines and more.



- A few extra doses of heartworm preventative pills and flea/tick preventative medication
- Two weeks worth of your pet's medication
- Extra plastic bags (poop bags)
- A basic first aid kit
- A small flashlight with extra batteries
- An extra plastic food bowl
- A Gulpy water dispenser (so you can provide water to your dog at any time)
- A new, sealed bag of treats (that can help entice your pet to eat in times of stress)
- A few cans of dog or cat food and bottles of water: Pop-off lid canned food is great to keep in your pet emergency kit as it doesn't require a can opener. It allows you feed your pet during a disaster. Keep an unused, unopened bag of dry pet food on hand for emergencies; but rotate it each time you buy food.
- A quart size bag full of kitty litter: Again, you never know when you have to evacuate quickly with your pet. Keeping a bag of kitty litter in your first aid kit or in your cat carrier is imperative in case you're on the run.
- Kitty litter pan

The last few tips?

- Always pre-program your cell phone with the phone numbers to your veterinarian, your emergency veterinarian, and a family member's emergency contact information. Better yet, print this out and store these phone numbers in your plastic, waterproof bag. That way, if your cell phone dies, you still have access to this information.
- Always pre-program the address of your veterinarian's office and emergency veterinarian's clinic into your car's GPS, so you can get there immediately in case of emergency.
- When in doubt, take the time to create a disaster preparedness kit for your pet. That way you can

make sure your four-legged friend stays safe during an emergency or disaster also. If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian – they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.

Five Things You May Not Know—Disaster Preparedness

1. Many disaster evacuation centers can't accept pets.

Emergency shelters often provide vital relief for those displaced by disasters, but many shelters (e.g., Red Cross shelters) can't take pets. The reason, as reported by the CDC, is that it would be in violation of health and safety regulations. Seek out animal friendly shelters in advance of a disaster or find shelter alternatives.

2. You may need your pet's medical records.

Many pet-friendly disaster shelters require up-to-date, medical records for your pet. To keep a record of your pet's vaccinations handy, enroll in Petly.

3. In America, federal law requires states to include planning for domesticated species in their emergency evacuation plans.

As we saw during Hurricane Katrina, many pet parents choose to stay in danger if the alternative is to abandon their pets. This became so obvious during the 2005 disaster that federal and state law has changed dramatically as a result. The resulting "Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act" requires that planning for domesticated animals be included in disaster plans.

4. A microchip vastly improves your chances of reuniting with a lost pet.

HomeAgain.com says that 1 in 3 pets will be lost in their lifetime. According to a study, reported by the AVMA, guardians were successful in recovering dogs without microchips only 21.9% of the time. Conversely, dogs with a microchip were reunited 52.2% of the time. Corbin the dog was reunited with his family after traveling over 1,100 miles, thanks to his microchip. If you're caught in a disaster and separated from your pet, make sure to notify your microchipping company of any change of contact information; since they can't reunite you if they can't find you.

5. Don't forget to make a disaster kit for your pet.

An emergency supply kit is smart; The bag should include a leash, an extra collar, a basic first aid kit, and other essentials. Veterinarians recommend that you have 2 weeks worth of spare medication, a few sealed gallons of water and a sealed container of food.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.

Blue Ravine Collaborates with World Vets



World Vets' mission is to improve the health and well-being of animals by providing veterinary aid and training in developing countries and by providing disaster relief worldwide.

World Vets develops, implements and manages international veterinary and disaster relief programs to help animals, educate people and have a positive impact on communities. Improving animal welfare and alleviating suffering are high on its priority list but the work extends beyond that. Its programs help to prevent the spread of diseases from animals to humans; the livestock programs help small farmers to pull themselves out of poverty, and disaster relief efforts for animals directly impact people who might otherwise remain in dangerous situations if the needs of their animals are not addressed.

World Vets recognizes the importance of the One Health concept in which health of humans, animals and their ecosystems are inextricably linked. The programs help not only animals, but also people and the communities in which they live.

World Vets is able to improve the lives of thousands of animals each year by providing free veterinary care through a dedicated volunteer force of more than 4,000 individuals combined with financial support and in-kind donations.

World Vets volunteers have a wide range of skill, expertise and experience. The volunteer force is comprised of veterinarians, licensed and non licensed technicians, pre veterinary, veterinary and technician students, as well as those who are simply animal lovers. All volunteers are passionate about helping animals and the desire to make a difference.

Dr. Jennifer Sweet is volunteering with World Vets' "Team Albania" in the month of September as part of Blue Ravine Animal Hospital's commitment to disaster relief worldwide.





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Office hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm; Saturday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
For emergencies outside regular office hours, please call MarQueen Pet Emergency & Specialty, 916 757-6600
or Sacramento Veterinary Referral Center, 916 362-3111.

www.blueravineanimalhospital.com

Home Again Microchip and Registration

Normally \$60; With Coupon 50% off!



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The American Humane Association estimates over 10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the U.S. every year.

- One in three pets will become lost at some point during their life.
- Registered microchips give pets the best chance of returning home.
- While collars and tags are essential, they can fall off or become damaged. You have a far better chance of your pet being returned if you take the precaution of microchipping.
- Veterinarians and police and safety officers are equipped with scanners to read the microchips.
- We will register the microchip for you with the HomeAgain data base.

Please call ahead for an appointment with a technician: 916-984-0990

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