LESSONS LEARNED FROM HURRICANE SANDY

When Hurricane Sandy hit the New York and New Jersey areas this past November, 2nd Chance 4 Pets volunteers were alerted to many situations where pets suddenly became “orphaned.”

In response to the Hurricane Sandy disaster, our volunteer team has produced a new “emergency ID card” that can be hung on a door knob or placed in a location in a pet owner's home where they would be easily visible to others as a communication device when natural disasters or other emergencies arise.

We would like to encourage you to fill out one or more of the enclosed “emergency ID cards” to place in your own home and provide cards to your friends and relatives with pets.

2nd Chance 4 Pets will be participating in several veterinarian and animal welfare conferences across the U.S. over the next 12 months. Our ultimate goal will be for pet owners to have plans in place for their pets to be prepared for natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy. We will distribute thousands of emergency ID cards and literature.

2nd Chance 4 Pets realizes that the more pet owners who can identify backup pet caregivers and maintain pet care instructions, the less pets will end up at shelters because they have outlived their humans.

A second important lesson learned from Hurricane Sandy is the need for pet identification. The photos below are proof of how critical it is for dogs and cats to have both ID tags and microchips with current phone numbers and addresses.

What a difference a day makes...

The volunteers at 2nd Chance 4 Pets wish you a happy, healthy and safe holiday and we thank you for your continued support!
PLANNING FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR PETS MIGHT OUTLIVE YOU

STEP 1: Identify Caregivers
Identify people who would be willing to care for your pets in the hours, days, or weeks after an emergency as well as those who would be willing to adopt your pets should you die or become incapacitated. If you cannot find friends, relatives or neighbors to serve as potential caregivers, local pet sitters and members of animal rescue groups may be able to help. If you do not identify a caregiver for your pets and your pets outlive you, a complete stranger may have to determine if and how your pets will continue to receive care.

STEP 2: Prepare Written Instructions
Prepare written instructions outlining how your pets should be cared for. How do you want your pets to live—in another household or in a sanctuary? What kind of special care do your pets require? Do you want your pets to stay together? To make sure your wishes are followed, you must document your instructions and let others know where these instructions are located. On the front page of our guide, download and print a free copy of our guide that will help you document care instructions for your pets.

STEP 3: Set Up a Fund
You currently pay for food, supplies and medical care for your pets. Should anything happen to you, these expenses will still need to be covered. Consider setting aside funds to cover temporary or permanent care of your pets. Professionals that can help you include estate planners, financial planners and your life insurance company. Take into consideration the amount you spend each year on your pets and the life expectancy of the pets.

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