

# Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Celebrates National Preparedness Month

## WEEK 3:

### Pet Emergency Preparedness

This September, VTA is proud to participate in National Preparedness Month (NPM). We understand that emergencies can be unsettling, but being prepared can provide a sense of security and confidence. That's why, during the month of September, VTA is sharing essential tips and resources each week to help you and your family prepare for emergencies. Week 3 focuses on Pet Emergency Preparedness.

### Key Tips for Preparing Your Pets

#### Make a Plan

- Have an evacuation plan that includes your pets.
- Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends, or relatives.
- Ensure your pets are microchipped and keep your contact information up to date.
- Have copies of your pet's vaccination record.

#### Build a Pet Emergency Kit

- Food and water for several days.
- Medicine and medical records.
- First aid kit for pets.
- Extra leash, collar, and ID tag.
- Sanitation supplies like litter, trash bags, and paper towels.
- Familiar items such as toys and bedding to reduce stress.
- Current pet photos.

#### Prepare Pets for Travel

- Acclimate your pets to carriers.
- Identify where your pets hide to find them easily during an evacuation.
- Know pet-friendly shelters and hotels.

#### Large Animal Considerations

- Plan evacuation routes and have transport available.
- Ensure destinations have food, water, and veterinary care.

#### Stay Informed

- Sign up for emergency alerts.
- Follow local officials' advice during emergencies.



For more detailed information and resources, we encourage you to visit [Ready.gov/pets](https://www.ready.gov/pets). This website provides comprehensive guidance on emergency planning and preparedness for pets.

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