

Somerset County Resources

Contact these local groups for further information and assistance:

Primary Contact:

Your Local Office of Emergency Management

Somerset Regional Animal Shelter	(908) 725-0308
St. Hubert's Animal Welfare	(908) 526-3330
Franklin Township Animal Shelter	(732) 873-2500 Ext. 6255

For printable animal evacuation checklists, window placards and wallet cards, go to:
www.co.somerset.nj.us/cart

A quick checklist:

- One crate or pet carrier large enough so your pet can stand up, turn around and lie down comfortably. Remember, this may be your pet's home for many days.
- Medical records, veterinary contact information and any medication your pet may need. (Keep in ziploc bag)
- Current photos of you with your pets (for reuniting) and descriptions of your pets.
- At least one week's supply of food, water and litter. Store in plastic, air-tight containers.
- A kitty litter scooper.
- Small, plastic bags for waste disposal.
- A sturdy leash, collar/harness.
- A manual can-opener.
- Grooming items.
- Newspaper for cage lining, paper towels, and household bleach for cleaning.
- Pet toys and bedding to reduce stress.

Local pet friendly hotels:

Disasters may affect local hotels.
Find pet friendly hotels outside the affected area.

Check hotel pet policies ahead of time as some charge extra to accommodate pets.

BringFido.com
(877) 411-3436

Sonesta Simply Suites
41 Worlds Fair Drive
Somerset, New Jersey 08873
(732) 748-1400

HYATT House Bridgewater
530 Route 22 East
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807
(908) 725-0800

Clarion Hotel
60 Cottontail Lane
Somerset, New Jersey 08873
(732) 560-9880

Residence Inn Bridgewater Branchburg - Marriott
3241 Route 22 East
Branchburg, New Jersey 08876
(908) 725-9812

Residence Inn Somerset - Marriott
37 Worlds Fair Drive
Somerset, New Jersey 08873
(732) 627-0881



Pet Disaster Planning Guide

Be prepared to take your pet with you!



This guide was prepared by the:

Somerset County Animal Response Team (CART) and Somerset County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)



If you would like to become a volunteer for Somerset CART, please contact

*The Somerset County Office of
Emergency Management at
(908) 725-5070.*

Emergency Preparedness

is one of the most important things you can do for your pets. Responsible pet ownership means having a plan for your pets in case of a disaster.

Please plan ahead.

Prepare to take your pet with you!



If an area has been deemed unsafe for people, it's also unsafe for pets.

Structural damage to homes as well as contaminated food and water pose great risks to

pets left alone during a disaster. Even if you only plan on leaving for a few hours, take your pets with you.

Often, people are away from their homes longer than expected. Some things to keep in mind are:

- Find possible places to evacuate ahead of time. Most evacuation shelters do not accept animals. Consider a pet friendly motel or home of a friend or relative as an evacuation site. Boarding facilities and local animal shelters may also be an option. Always carry a recent photo of you with your pet in case you are separated. Photos are a valuable tool to locate a missing pet.
- Make sure your pets always have current identification. Include contact information for someone outside your area to contact in case phone services are down. Have your pet microchipped and keep the registration information up-to-date. You can also add your phone number to your pet's collar.
- When you leave your home, update your window placards appropriately and display the evacuation side on all entrances. Download and print from www.co.somerset.nj.us/cart. This saves rescuers valuable time.

Important things to have when evacuating with your pet:

- Gather and store a copy of your pet's important information in a ziploc bag inside their carrier. Include medical/vaccination history, licensing, owner, vet and alternate contact information.
- Food, water, and bowls. Have enough bottled water for your pet, special food, dietary or medical supplies your pet needs. Bring newspaper, sanitizing wipes for cleaning, and a manual can opener.
- A carrier large enough to accommodate your cat, as well as a small litter box. Your cat may have to spend a considerable amount of time in the carrier and should have all the comforts of home. For printable pet evacuation checklists, go to: www.co.somerset.nj.us/cart

If you are not home when an evacuation is ordered:

Ensure you have a reliable neighbor who can evacuate your pet for you. Have a plan set up to avoid confusion. A pet sitting or dog walking service may also be an option. Make sure you have a meeting spot outside of the affected area to reclaim your pet.



Test your plan!

When you cannot take your pet:

- Place your pet in the most secure place in the house. High ground is best when leaving a pet behind, as they will be able to avoid any flooding that may occur.
- Ensure you provide your pet with more than enough food and water. You may want to leave an entire bag of food (or more) out in case you cannot return for some time. Set up a pan or bowl with a slow drip from a faucet to ensure your pet has a reliable source of water. Also, fill a bathtub or sinks with water before you leave. Leave toilet bowl lids open.
- Update your window placards appropriately and display the evacuation side on all entrances to your home. Download and print from: www.co.somerset.nj.us/cart
Rescuers are often granted access to disaster areas much sooner than residents and can help to reunite you and your pet that much sooner.

Be prepared to take your pet with you!

Animal Emergency Hospitals

Open 24 hours/day, 7 days a week

Animerge

(908) 707-9077

21 Route 206, Raritan, NJ

Red Bank Veterinary Hospital

(908) 359-3161

649 Route 206, Hillsborough, NJ.

Poison Control

(800) 213-6680

Additional NJ Resources

<https://www.animalemergency.nj.gov>
www.facebook.com/NJEASE
www.twitter.com/NJEASE_AnEvac