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ANIMALS IN DISASTERS

LLIS.gov provides extensive information related to animals in disasters. In addition to general guidelines and plans regarding animals in disasters, *LLIS.gov* houses documents specific to pets in disasters on its Mass Evacuation topic-specific page. *LLIS.gov* also features information on service animals in disasters on the Disabilities and Other Special Needs topic-specific page. *LLIS.gov* researchers have produced original content on animals in disasters, such as:

- Arlington, Texas's "Save my Pet" Decals (Practice Note)
- Purdue University's Graduate Certificate Program in Veterinary Homeland Security (Good Story)
- Pre-Scripting Animal Issues Messages (Lesson Learned)
- Arlington County, Virginia's Mobile Emergency Pet Shelter (Practice Note)
- Medical Care for Search Dogs (Lesson Learned)

LLIS.gov has over 2,300 documents related to animals in disasters, including:

- Animals in Disasters: Information for Responders
- Maine Animal Disaster and Protection Plan
- Oregon Animal Disease Emergency Management Plan
- Miami-Dade Animal Services Hurricane Information
- Developing a Community Disaster Plan for Animals
- Earthquake Tips for Service Animals and Pet Owners
- Hillsborough County (FL) Pet-Friendly Shelter Admission/Discharge Form for Animal
- Disaster Preparedness for Laboratory Animals
- State Animal Emergency Operations Guidelines
- Animals in Public Evacuation Centers
- Protecting Your Service Dog in an Emergency

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