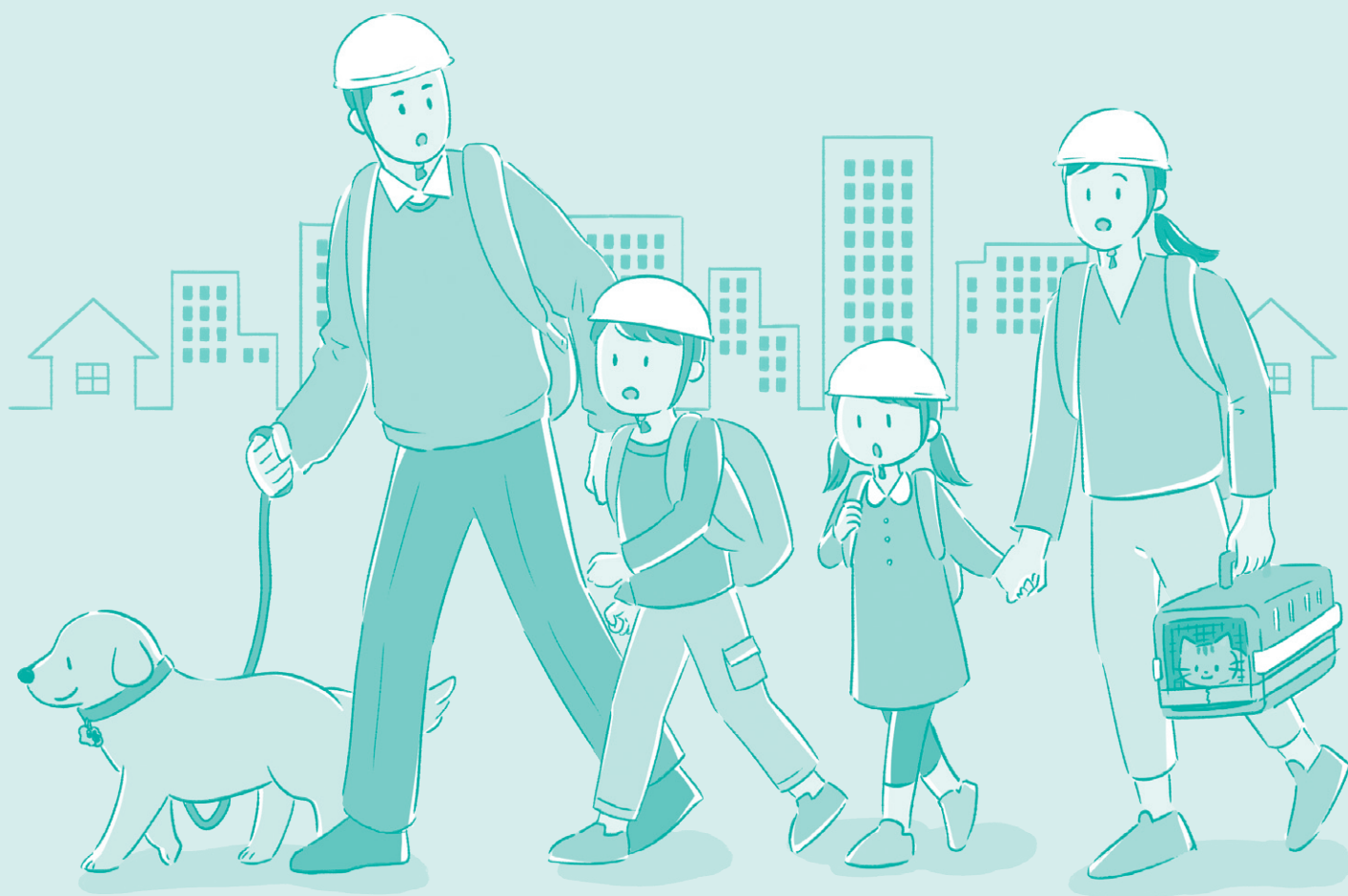


In an Emergency

Protecting Your Pet from Disaster



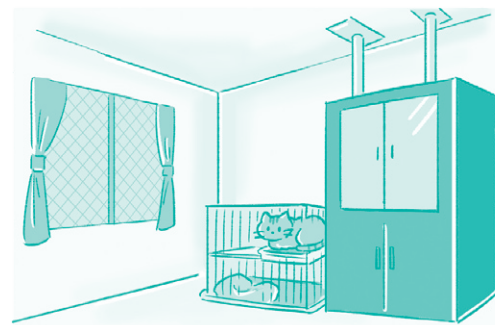
**Be well-prepared so that pet owners and their pets can
evacuate safely in case a disaster strikes.**

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Avoid Panicking When a Disaster Strikes

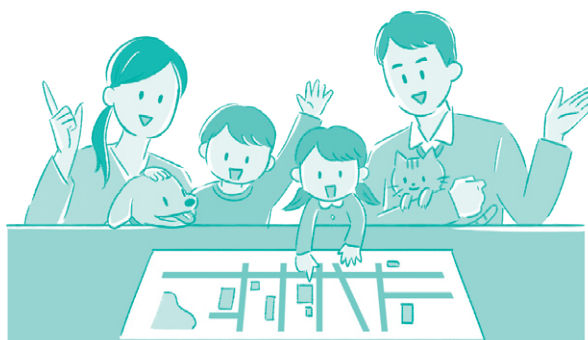
The first priority is to protect the lives of people and their pets

When a disaster strikes, pet owners are the ones who protect their pets. With that in mind, it is important for pet owners to stay safe. Make sure that you and your family routinely check the evacuation site nearest to your home and several evacuation routes. In addition, take countermeasures such as making your home earthquake-resistant and reinforcing pieces of furniture with braces so that they do not topple, fall, or move.



Make sure to check the following

- Safety of your home and pet-care area
- Evacuation site and evacuation routes
- How to communicate with family members
- Stock of emergency supplies
- Veterinary hospitals and clinics in your neighborhood

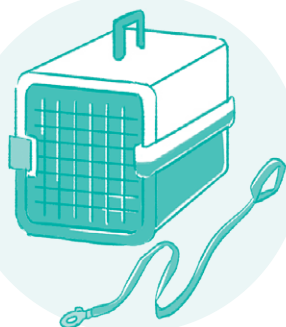


Be prepared

At evacuation sites, preparations for pets—such as cages, supplies, and food—are basically the responsibility of the pet owner. If your home is safe, there is no need to evacuate.

It is difficult to obtain medication and therapeutic food during a disaster. So please be well prepared in advance.

Disaster prevention goods for pets



Prepare your pet's health records and identification information, including vaccination records, medical history, and any medications your pet is taking.



- Pet food and water (enough for five days or more)
- Pet cage, carry bag, leash and harness
- Pet toilet supplies (such as pet sheets, sandbox sand for cats, and newspapers)
- Regular medications and therapeutic food
- Pet identification information (dog license number, microchip number), health records, etc.
- Photographs of your pet
- Other necessary items if any such as duct tape, plastic bags, towels, dishes, toys and laundry net (for cats)

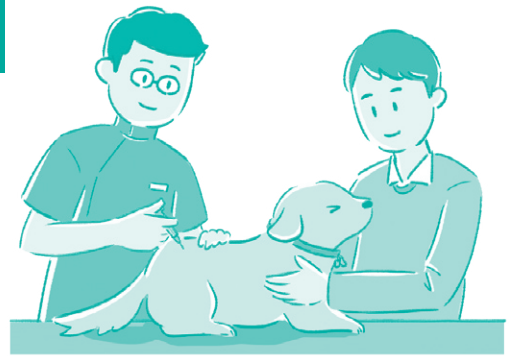


Photographs of your pet with the owner can help identify the owner.

Preparedness and Awareness

Health care

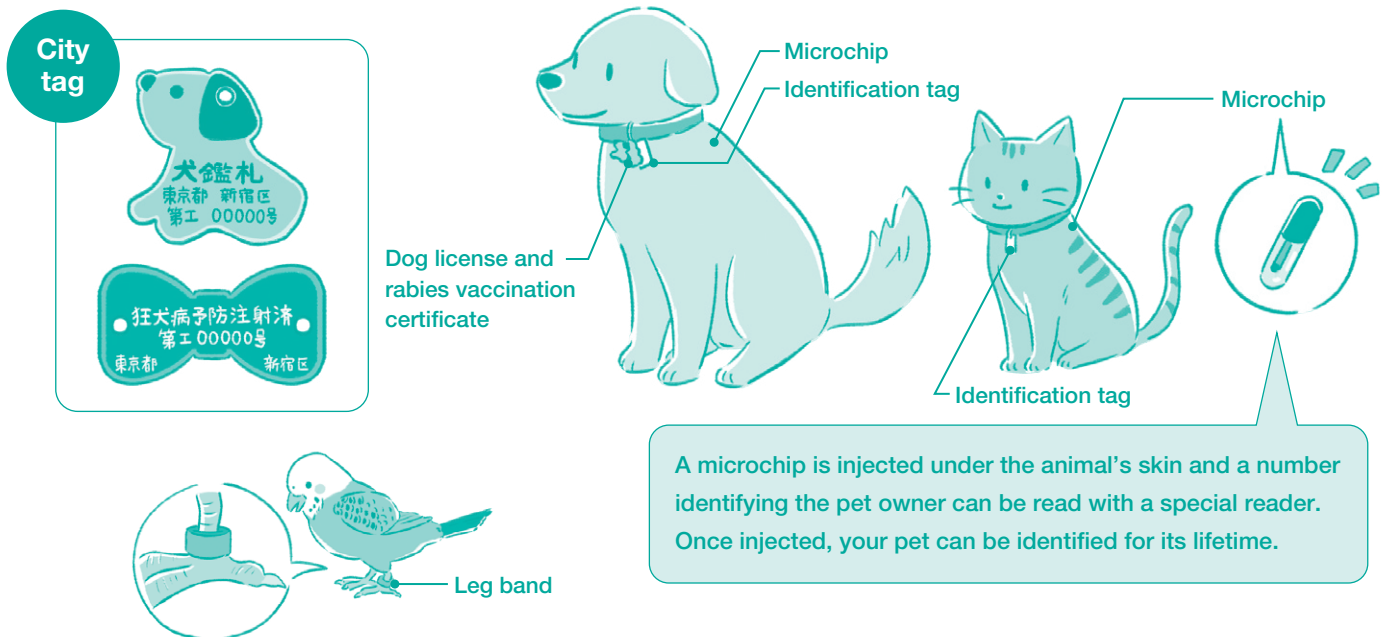
While at the evacuation site, protect your pets' health by cleaning them on a regular basis. In addition, make sure that your pets receive rabies shots (for dogs) and any other necessary vaccinations, and that they are protected against fleas and ticks.



Individual identification

If a disaster strikes, pet owners may have to separate and may be unable to find refuge at the same evacuation site. Individual identification markers are therefore important when searching for pets.

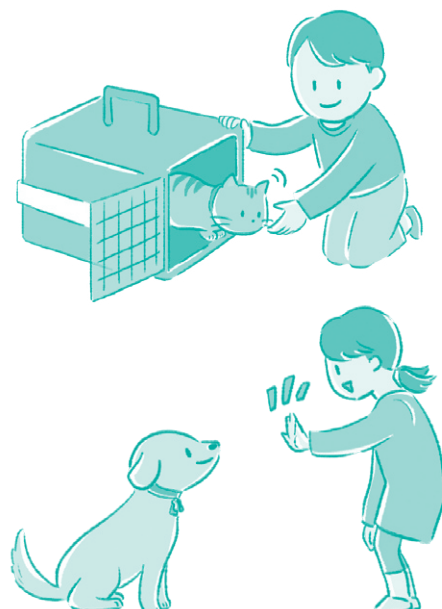
Methods of individual identification include microchips, identification tags, dog licenses or a rabies vaccination certificate (for dogs), leg bands, or ear tags. Individual identification is also important information when rescuing pets.



Discipline

Stress is unavoidable at evacuation sites, both for people and for pets. Pet owners should train their pets to be relaxed around many people and other animals so that their pets can deal with the situation at evacuation sites. Let's practice common courtesy at evacuation sites so that everyone will feel comfortable.

- Easily enter their cage or carry bag when necessary
- Go to the toilet in a designated place
- Not afraid of people and other animals
- (For dogs) Listen to your basic commands such as "wait" and "get down," and not bark unnecessarily



How to Behave at Evacuation Sites

Evacuation sites will only accept certain kinds of pets, including dogs, cats, small birds, and small rodents (such as rabbits).

Some evacuees may have allergies or do not like animals. So, pets will have to live apart from their pet owners at evacuation sites.



There will be all kinds of people living together at the evacuation site. Please cooperate, practice common courtesy, and help each other.

The animal rescue team and pet owners will care for animals together at the evacuation sites. In some cases, the evacuation sites will be home to temporary shelters for animals whose owners are unknown. Let's all cooperate.

Have your pet go to the toilet properly in a designated place and clean up afterwards.



Be careful that your pet does not bark excessively.



Feed them at a regular time and clean up afterwards.



There will be some work people will need to do together. Please cooperate.



In 2003, Shinjuku City signed an agreement with the Shinjuku Branch of the Tokyo Veterinary Medical Association regarding rescue activities for animals during a disaster. Shinjuku City is prepared for the safety of pets in an emergency.

Protecting Your Pet from Disaster in an Emergency

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