



Fire Preparedness for Household Pets



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Pet Evacuation Checklist

Simple tools you'll need to start building your pet's evacuation kit:

- Large bin or tote with a lid (preferably a waterproof type)
- Clear, waterproof and sealable plastic bags in multiple sizes
- A Sharpie-style writing utensil for labeling and marking contents
- Notepad for documenting special details and needs
- Pen or pencil
- One or two flash drives *(Storing all the information outlined in the following sections on a flash drive will provide access if you're evacuated and unable to take the kit due to limited time. Having a backup flash drive that you provide to a friend or relative is also a good idea so you have an alternate source if you're unable to take the primary one with you.)*



The following items need to be included in each kit and also stored on your flash drives.

Pet Vaccination Records:

- Copies of all current vaccination records for each pet *(Note: Your pet's most recent rabies registration tag must be attached securely to its collar)*

Medications:

- Keep a list of all current medicines and their associated doses *(Your vet's office may also be evacuated or closed during a natural disaster, so this information will be important)*
- If possible, keep an extra supply of medication that your pet takes on a regular basis. Ensure each is labeled with the pet's name and a description of that pet. If you have multiple pets, consider enclosing a photo of the pet that needs the medication. Periodically check the expiration dates and replace as needed.

Special Needs Documentation:

- List of each pet's current physical disabilities or illnesses
- Emotional or behavioral problems and how to deal with them
- Special feeding schedule/requirements
- Dietary restrictions
- Allergies

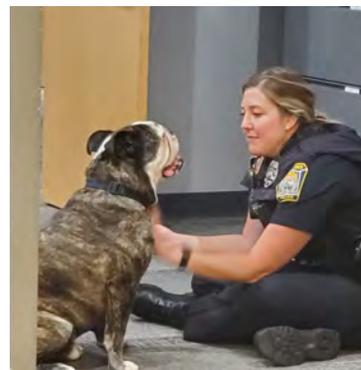


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Copies of Ownership Records:

- Registration paperwork
- Adoption records
- Pet health insurance policies
- Municipal or county license tags and paperwork



Microchip Paperwork:

- Include copies of the animal's microchip paperwork. Update the address listed on the paperwork as needed to keep it accurate and current.
- Consider enrolling your micro-chipped pet(s) in a recovery database
- Verify your pet's microchip enrollment information with AKC Reunite 800-252-7894 or at <http://www.akcreunite.org/petowner/petemergencyguide/>

Leash, Harness and Collars:

- Have your phone number and address on an I.D. tag attached to the pet's collar (*Note: Since cell phones could be temporarily out of service in a wildfire, include a relative's phone number on the tag too, just in case you and your pet get separated*)
- Leash
- Harness/gentle leader (if used by your pet)
- Collar

List of Important Pet-Related Phone Numbers: Remember, cell phones and internet access could be temporarily out of service and you'll need a printed list to connect with these resources

- Veterinarian
- Local animal control agency
- Animal shelter/boarding facility
- List of pet friendly hotels/motels near your community
- Friends that may be willing to temporarily take your pet while you're evacuated and out of your home
- Neighbors in your Buddy System Network (*a buddy system network is a previously arranged shared process where neighbors evacuate each other's pets (if possible) when you're away from home during an evacuation*)

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Photos with your Pet: *To help identify you are the pet's owner when no physical records are available to claim your rescued animal*

- A picture will help you document ownership and could also help in locating a missing pet
- Photos can help document any distinguishing characteristics that will be helpful in identifying a lost or missing pet

Pet Food and Treats:

- Food for three to seven days
- If your pet eats canned food, include a manual can opener and spoon
- Feeding bowl

Water:

- Pack enough clean water to meet each pet's individual needs for a minimum of three days and up to one week
- Water bowl(s)

Miscellaneous Items:

- Cat litter, tray and scoop
- Bedding/blanket
- Toys
- Leather gloves and towels (in case your pet is upset or scared)
- Dog crate, cat carrier, or cage for birds and other small pets
- Muzzle (if needed)
- Grooming supplies
- Dog waste bags



Pet First Aid Kit and Animal First Aid Book:

- Cotton bandage rolls and bandage tape
- Scissors
- Antibiotic ointment
- Medical-type gloves
- Isopropyl alcohol and saline solution

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Cleaning Supplies:

- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Spray cleaner
- Disinfectant
- Hand sanitizer

Storing Your Kit:

- Keep your pet emergency kit in a dry location where the temperature does not get hot or below freezing
- Make sure the kit is in a spot that's easy to reach for quick access when loading a car or truck



Who's Harvey? The Cover Dog's Story

Harvey is a rescue dog that was found wandering and lost after Hurricane Harvey, a Category 4 hurricane that devastated areas from Texas to Louisiana in August 2017. Harvey now has a safe, warm home here in Minnesota and is cared for by a City of Hopkins employee.



Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

SAFETY TIPS

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

Pets and Wildfires

Make sure pets are included in your family's wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when packing to evacuate.



FACT

Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring, and candles.



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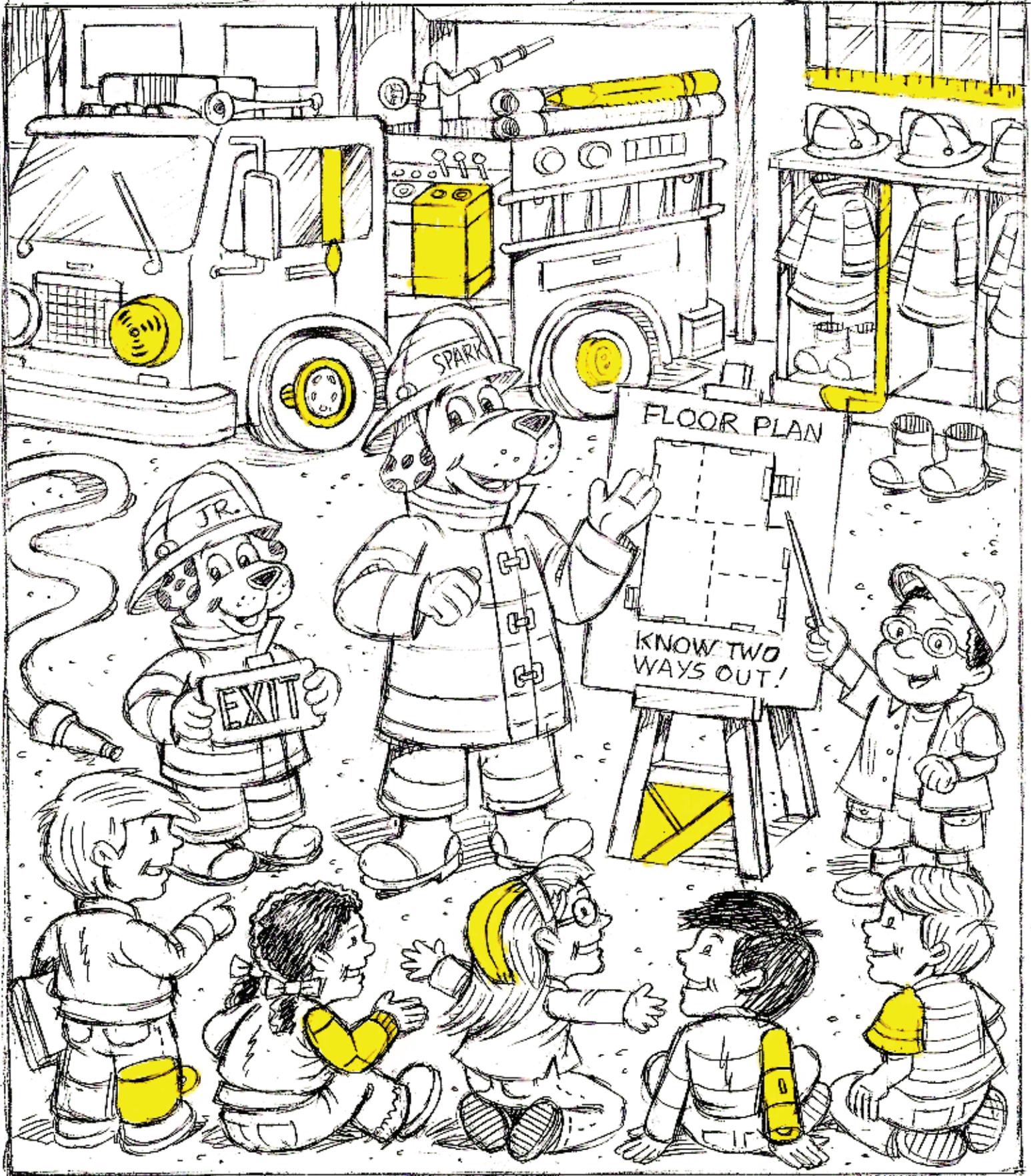


The following objects are hidden in this picture: battery, smoke alarm, candle, flashlight, pencil, sailboat, banana, golf club, bell, sock, ruler, ring, cup, and a button!

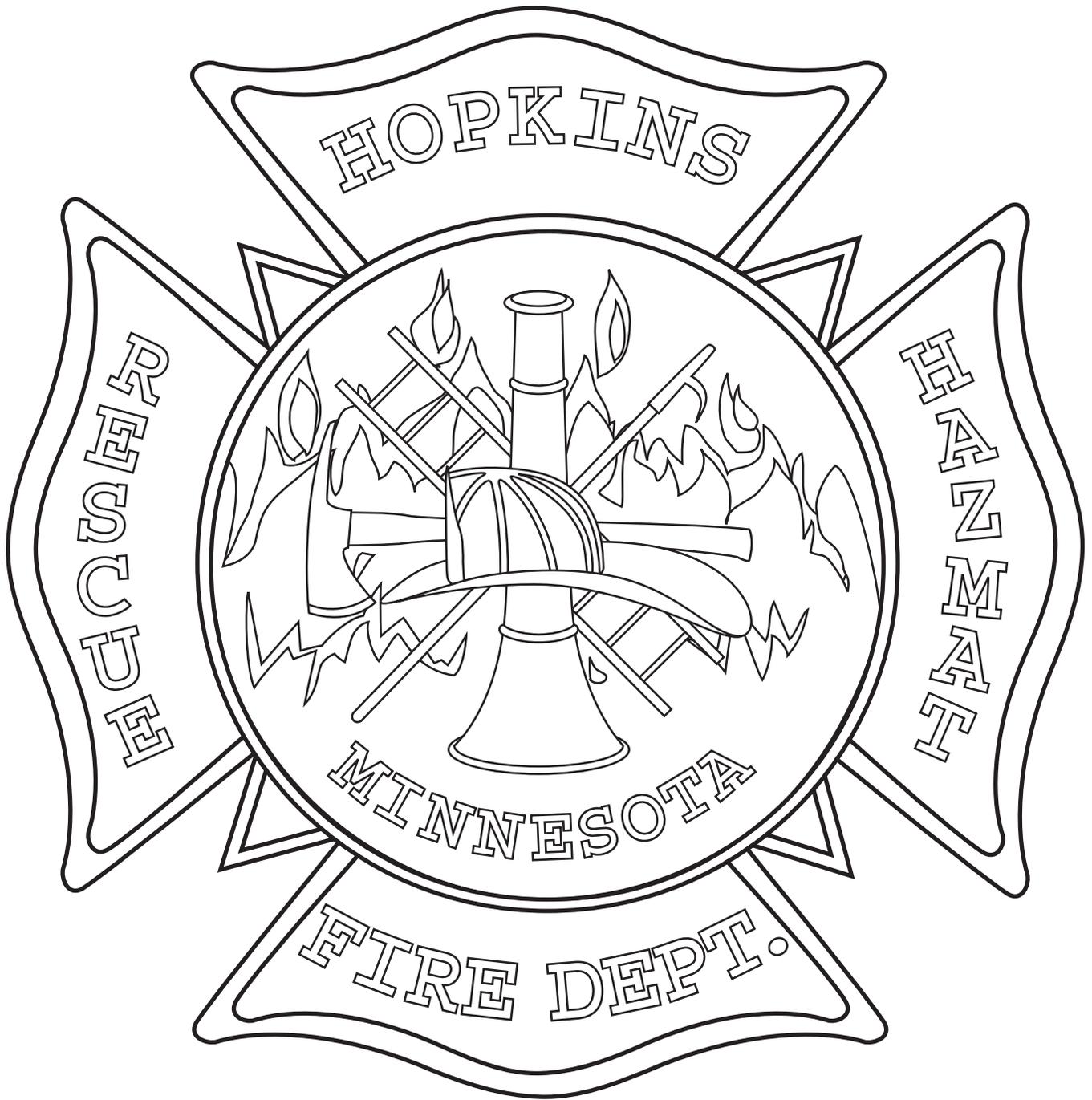
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- 1. Why do you need smoke alarms?**
 - A. To keep smoke out of your home.
 - B. To warn you when there is a fire in your home.
 - C. To prevent a fire from starting in your home.
 - D. Don't know.
- 2. Where should you have smoke alarms in your home?**
 - A. In or near every bedroom or anywhere someone sleeps.
 - B. In the kitchen.
 - C. Near the closets.
 - D. Don't know.
- 3. How often should you test your smoke alarms?**
 - A. At least once a year.
 - B. At least once a month.
 - C. At least once a week.
 - D. Don't know.
- 4. How often should you replace your smoke alarms?**
 - A. Never – they last forever.
 - B. Every 10 years, or when the smoke alarm does not work when you push the test button.
 - C. At least once a year.
 - D. Don't know.
- 5. What should you do when a smoke alarm makes a chirping sound?**
 - A. Get out of your home fast!
 - B. Push the test button to see if the smoke alarm works.
 - C. Have a grown-up put in a new battery or put up a new smoke alarm.
 - D. Don't know.
- 6. What should you do when a smoke alarm goes BEEP-BEEP-BEEP! over and over again?**
 - A. Get out of your home fast!
 - B. Push the test button to see if the smoke alarm works.
 - C. Have a grown-up put in a new battery or put up a new smoke alarm.
 - D. Don't know.
- 7. Which one of these things is part of a Home Fire Escape Plan?**
 - A. A fire extinguisher.
 - B. An outside meeting place.
 - C. A pair of boots.
 - D. Don't know.
- 8. How often should you practice your Home Fire Escape Plan?**
 - A. Two times every year.
 - B. One time every year.
 - C. One time every month.
 - D. Don't know.
- 9. How quickly should you be able to get outside when you are escaping a home fire?**
 - A. In less than 10 minutes.
 - B. In less than 5 minutes.
 - C. In less than 3 minutes.
 - D. Don't know.
- 10. What should you take with you when you are escaping a home fire?**
 - A. A flashlight.
 - B. Extra clothes.
 - C. Nothing.
 - D. Don't know.

Answers:

1. **B.** To warn you when there is a fire in your home.
2. **A.** In every bedroom or anywhere someone sleeps.
3. **B.** At least once a month.
4. **B.** Every 10 years, or when the smoke alarm does not work when you push the test button.
5. **C.** Have a grown-up put in a new battery or put up a new smoke alarm.
6. **A.** Get out of your home fast!
7. **B.** An outside meeting place. Where is your family's safe meeting place?
8. **A.** Two times every year.
9. **C.** In less than 3 minutes.
10. **C.** Nothing.