Emergency Preparedness

- Keep 2 weeks supply of fresh food, water and treats ready to go.
- Bring food and water dishes.
- Bring a carrier with contact info on it. Don’t forget ID tags, collars and harnesses.
- Don’t forget comfort. Bring blankets, toys and grooming supplies.
- Take all medications, medical records and important phone numbers in an airtight container.

Always be ready to go!

Good To Know

- Cats need a diet that includes taurine, for a healthy heart.
- Watch out for some common plants that are toxic to your cat:
  - Lilies
  - Azaleas
  - Chrysanthemums
  - Marigolds
  - Daffodils
  - Ferns
  - Oleanders

Feeding Your Feline

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Healthy adult

- Beginning at 1 year of age, feed a good quality cat food for maintenance depending on activity level or metabolism of cat.
- Always keep a steady supply of water available.
- Do not feed a cat dog food! Cats have unique nutritional needs and other types of food can make a cat sick.
- At 12-15 years of age, there are behavioral changes. Your cat sleeps more and requires less energy. Feed fewer calories to prevent obesity which can lead to

Orphaned kittens

- First 24-48 hours: kitten needs 1 ml milk per hour.
- Increase each day by 0.5 ml until 10 ml is reached. Feed 9-12 times/day.
- At 3 weeks, start on soft food 3 times/day, along with bottles.
- By 4th week feed bottle 4-6 times/day, plus soft food 4-5 times/day.
- By week 7, they can be completely on solid food.

Pregnant Queens

- Female cat only needs an increase in nutrients during the last 2 weeks of pregnancy. Increased feeding before then can lead to larger babies and more difficult birth.
- Last 2 weeks, start on kitten food. This makes transition to dry food much easier for kittens.
- Until kittens are 7-8 weeks old, the mother will need constant access to food and water to maintain her protein and energy needs.