

Prepare an Animal Go-Kit

For Pets and Livestock, assemble:

- 3–7 days of food & water
- Medications & medical records
- ID tags or microchips
- Leash, halter, muzzle, crate/carrier
- Photos of each animal (with you, if possible)
- Emergency contact list (vet, shelter, boarding)

For livestock, also include:

- Proof of ownership (branding, tags, registration)
- Feed, buckets, water storage
- Transportation plan (trailers, routes)

Evacuation Planning

Don't wait—plan ahead.

- Pets: Know pet-friendly shelters or arrange with friends/family.
- Livestock: Identify alternate pasture or boarding.
- Coordinate with neighbors.

What Disasters Should You Prepare For

In North Central Texas, you and your animals may face:

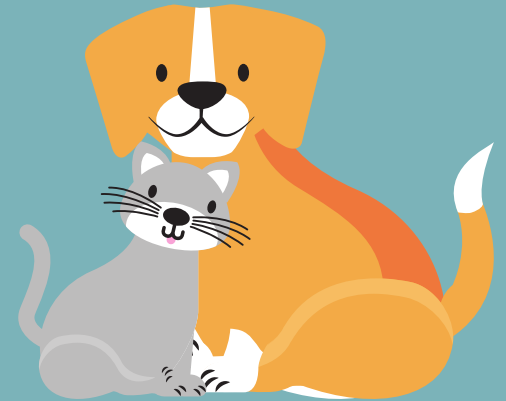
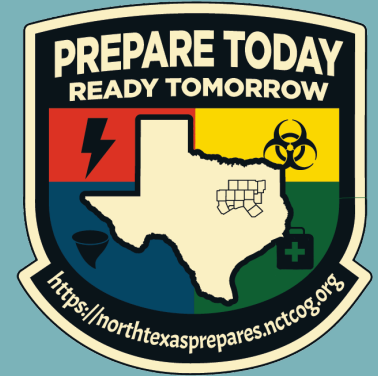
- Tornadoes
- Extreme Heat
- Wildfires
- Flash Floods
- Drought

Be Ready. Stay Safe.

Animals depend on you. A few hours of planning can make all the difference when disaster strikes.



Scan for resources



Pet and Livestock Safety

Prepare Today.
Ready Tomorrow.

Tornado Safety Tips



Before the storm:

- Bring pets indoors early
- Relocate livestock if possible to low-lying, open ground away from trees and buildings

During the storm:

- Move to a safe room (interior, windowless) with your pets
- Never leave animals tied up or confined outdoors

Extreme Heat & Wildfire Safety

- Provide constant access to shade & cool water
- Avoid overexertion—walk pets early morning/evening
- Protect your animals' paws from the hot pavement
- Wet livestock down if needed
- Know wildfire risks & have a fast-load evacuation plan

Flood & Drought Precautions

- Don't leave animals in low-lying areas or near rising water
- Move feed and hay to high ground
- Keep livestock water troughs full and clean
- In drought, monitor animals for weight loss or lethargy

After the Disaster

- Inspect animals carefully for injuries
- Keep animals away from contaminated water or food
- Document all losses with photos for insurance or USDA claims



Animal Emergency Resources

KnowWhat2Do – Emergency Planning for Pets & Livestock
<https://www.knowwhat2do.com>

Ready.gov – General Pet and Animal Information
<https://www.ready.gov/pets>

ASPCA – Disaster Preparedness for Pets
<https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness>

Red Rover – Emergency Sheltering During a Crisis
<https://www.redrover.org/disaster/>

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) – Animal Preparation and Response
<https://www.tahc.texas.gov/emergency/naturaldisaster.html>

USDA – Livestock Disaster Assistance Programs
<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/disaster-assistance-programs>