## "Your cat's emergency kit should include:

- An *accessible* carrier for every pet. You don't want to have to dig under 20 years of *Cat Fancy* back issues in the attic when Barney Fife is telling you to leave. Carriers should be large enough for your cat to stand up and turn around in. Line the carrier floor with puppy pads or give kitty a shoebox litter box. Write your contact information in permanent marker on the carrier and duct tape his photo to it.
- A photo of each of your pets and a description of their breed, age, sex, color, and markings.
- Copies of your cat's medical and vaccination records. In the event your vet's clinic receives a direct impact, you've lost those records. Veterinary records may be needed for transport across state lines.
- Photocopies of ownership papers and city license.
- A list of phone numbers including: your veterinarian, pet-friendly motels, emergency clinic, animal poison control center, and area animal shelters.
- Cat food at least a three-day supply or two weeks, depending on your situation. If you feed wet food, look for the pouches or small cans with pull tabs, says Paul Purcell of <u>Disaster Prep 101</u>. "You may be in a situation with no power for refrigeration so food cannot be stored. Duct tape a three-gallon bag filled with dry food to the side of the carrier and regularly replace old food with fresh kibble. Don't forget your kitty's comfort food.
- Water. One gallon per pet per day.
- Food and water bowls.
- Harness with a D-ring for a leash. If you or shelter volunteers need to scoop the litter box, a harness gives you more control over a frightened, fractious cat who could slip out of his safety collar.
- **Medications.** If your cat requires maintenance medications, ask your vet for a two-week supply in pills or un-reconstituted powder, or keep an unfilled drug prescription with your evacuation paperwork.
- Litter box, litter scoop, preferred brand of litter, and plastic bags for poop. Aluminum baking pans make great disposable litter boxes.
- Paper towels and baby wipes.
- Pet first aid kit.
- **Comfort items.** A beloved toy, blanket or bed reassures your kitty that everything is going to be OK. Place one of your unwashed T-shirts in a zippered plastic bag. It can be used as bedding and make him feel more at ease.
- Brush/comb, for long-haired pets.
- Tranquilizers or calming remedies. Rescue Remedy, Feliway, etc.
- Odor neutralizer.
- Duct tape, in case the carrier is damaged."