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FLOOD EVACUATION PLANNING

Spring is finally here! Although we are extremely pleased the long winter is over, fears of flooding is an ever-growing concern. Having an evacuation plan in place for your family, furry or not is essential.

If you are among those pet owners that are looking at possible evacuation, there are a few things you need to prepare:

- Be sure you have a place to stay that will allow your pets as well. If this is not an option, be prepared to board your pets with friends/family, a boarding facility or check with your local veterinarian for other options.
- Be sure to have adequate food, water and medications, if required, for a minimum of three days available for your pets. This should be packed and ready to go should you need to flee in a hurry.
- Be sure your pet has adequate identification in the event someone should get lost in the turmoil of the flood. Remember a microchip is your very best option as it cannot fall off (collars) or fade (tattoos). Having all three forms of identification on your pet(s) is your best chance at bringing them home safely.
- We don't want to flee without our friends but in the event this is unavoidable, please ensure your friends have provisions. Leave plenty of water bowls out or leave the tap dripping slightly to ensure they don't dehydrate. Leave a week's worth of food out in the event you can't return to your home. Hopefully nobody will have to do this, but in the worst-case scenario let's just be prepared!

Here are a couple of links to the Government of Manitoba's flood checklist:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/2011flood/pet_care_factsheet.pdf

http://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/2011flood/preparing_for_flood_conditions_in_rural_mb.pdf