# An important notice for all pet owners ~Be Prepared for Disasters~

Many people in Yokohama own pets. When disaster strikes, people, as well as pets, will evacuate to shelters.

You should be prepared to protect yourself and your pets in case of disasters.

## **1** Take Measures to Identify Ownership of Your Pets

It's my name tag!

You may be separated from your pet when disaster occurs.

Even if your pet gets lost, if it carries an ID with the owner's information, you are likely to find it. Dogs must wear license tags (Inu Kansatsu) and rabies vaccination certificate. In addition, microchip your pet, or put on a plate with owner's contact information.



## **★** What is a microchip?

• It is about 12 mm in length.

- It has a 15-digit numerical ID code.
- It is injected underneath the animal's skin, so is not visible from the outside.
- It is scanned by a microchip reader, and is able to identify its owner from the database.
- It remains for life, and will not break.



License Tag (Inu Kansatsu) 💥

※ It is a tag you receive when you register your dog.

Dogs must wear it on its collar.



Rabies vaccination certificate

\*Colors of the certificate are different every year

#### **2**Train Your Pets

You should train your pets in advance, as you may have to rear your pets at shelters where there are many other people around you.

One of the important things is to train your pet so that it is comfortable with staying in its cage/carrier bag.

It makes your evacuation less strenuous, and the stay at shelters with your pet will be easier.

I feel safe in here!

- \*In case of dogs
  - Train your dog to obey commands such as "wait" or "sit".
  - Train it not to bark when it is undesireable.
- \*In case of cats
  - Train it so that it will not get too frightened of people.

## 3 Take Good Health Care of Your Pets

- · Vaccine injections
- · Rabies vaccination
- · Anti-parasite treatment

## 4 Prepare Evacuation Kits for Pets



Aid supplies for pets do not arrive right away. Prepare supplies for at least 5 days. Supplies for 7 days will be ideal



Examples of supplies for pets

- · Pet food · Water · Medication · Potty pads · Newspaper · Collars and leashes
- · Medicine, if there are any that your pet uses regularly
- Contact information of the pet owner and other information such as health conditions
- · Carrier bags or cages

## **5**You should secure a place to board out your pets

- •Try to find relatives or friends who can take care of your pets temporarily.
- Animals that are not allowed to stay at shelters, such as reptiles, need a special place to be taken care of.





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