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TOWN OF ELLINGTON - ANIMAL CONTROL

# Pet Preparedness

## What to Prepare For

Over the past year, Ellington Animal Control has been working closely with Emergency Management to ensure that a plan is in place for your pets in the event of a disaster. Many of you are probably thinking that, "this will never happen in Ellington." It may not, and we hope that it won't, but just the same we need to plan for both man made and natural disasters. In the event of a disaster you and your pets may be displaced from your home temporarily. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has made sure that there is legislation saying that the town must provide shelter for both you and your pets. Providing shelter for your pets was added into legislation after Hurricane Katrina.

Many of you are aware of the threat from potential natural disasters. New England is always on the radar every year during hurricane season. Other serious dangers are flooding, power outages in extreme heat or cold, and snow, wind, or ice storms. Not as common in our area, but still a possible threat, are tornado's and earthquakes. For some of these threats, being prepared at home may keep you from having to leave. Preparedness is the key here.

Man made disasters are sometimes the most dreaded. They are unpredictable most times and can be devastating. Some examples of these disasters are: hazardous materials, nuclear power plant

emergency, and terrorism. Although these things are not as common in a small town like Ellington, they are possibilities.

We can not emphasize enough and encourage you to do the research and prepare ahead of time for yourselves and your pets. Doing so will be less stressful for everyone. Remember, leaving your pets behind is not an option.



## Emergency Management & Animal Control

The Town of Ellington's Emergency Management is headed by Director Don Davis, along with two Deputy Directors, John Streiber and Frederica Weeks. They are responsible for the review of and adjustments to the Town Emergency Plan. They receive and disseminate

information from the State Office of Emergency Management concerning impending emergencies. Animal Control has been working closely with this team to ensure that there is a detailed plan for sheltering your pets. Emergency Management has chosen two locations in town to set

up shelters, the High School and Middle School, based on their generator capabilities. In the event of a disaster, residents will be advised as to which shelter will be opened. Please be prepared and bring recommended supplies and documents for both you and your pets.

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## Shelter Scenario

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There is nothing worse than the thought of having to leave your pet behind. It is strongly encouraged that you prepare yourselves and your pets so that you can either stay in your home if it is safe or relocate to the local shelter. Please do the research needed to find out what supplies you might need if you are confined to your home. If you decide to come to the shelter, there are items you will need to bring for your pets. You should have one crate per animal, big enough for them to stand up, lay down and turn around in. You must also bring food, medications, proof of vaccinations, cat litter, toys, leashes, collars, and muzzles (if needed). Your pets must be up to date on their Rabies vaccination. A photo i.d. must be presented by the pet owner, along with any identification for the pet, such as



licenses or microchip information. If your pet is not microchipped, it is highly recommended that you consider this. It is a permanent form of i.d. that will verify ownership and provide a safe return back to you if you are separated. At registration, a picture of you and your pet will be taken and documented, paperwork will be completed, and an i.d. band will be placed on both you and your pet. You

will need your i.d. band in order to re-enter the shelter to care for your pets. You will be required to care for your pets at least twice a day during the designated hours. There will be an animal care specialist and/or volunteer at the animal shelter at all times. The shelter will be closed and secured overnight. No children under the age of 18 will be allowed to enter the shelter or care for the pets. If you do not think an emergency animal shelter atmosphere will suite your pets please prepare for other arrangements ahead of time. A shelter scenario may be very stressful for some animals especially birds, reptiles, or pocket pets. We can not guarantee that these species will be provided a suitable environment. You need to be especially forth coming in finding other arrangements for these pets.

## Pet Friendly Hotels

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### **Howard Johnson Express Inn**

451 Hartford TrnPk., **Vernon** • 860-875-0781

### **Quality Inn Conference Center**

51 Hartford Tpk.(Rt. 83), **Vernon** • 877-424-6423

Pet Policy Pet Accommodation: 25.00 for first night. Additional nights 10.00. Pet Limit: 2/room 40 lbs and under.

### **Clarion Suites Inn**

191 Spencer St., **Manchester** • 877-424-6423

Pet Policy Pet charge of 10.00/night per pet, two pets per room. Refundable deposit of 100.00 required at check-in.

### **Residence Inn Hartford/Manchester**

201 Hale Road, **Manchester** • 888-236-2427

Pet Policy \$75 non-refundable cleaning fee.

### **Clarion Inn Bradley Airport**

161 Bridge Street, **East Windsor** • 877-424-6423

Pet Policy Pet Charge: 25.00 1-3 nights. 25.00 each additional 1-3 nts. Pet limit: 2 pets per room 50 lbs or less.

### **Holiday Inn Express**

260 Main Street, **East Windsor** • 888-233-0369

Pet Policy The hotel allows pets at an additional non-refundable fee of \$40.00 for the first night and \$20 any additional nights at management's discretion.

### **Motel 6**

11 Hazard Avenue, **Enfield** • 800-557-3435

Pet Policy Service animals and well-behaved pets always stay free. They are permitted unless they pose a health or safety risk or are prohibited by law.

## Boarding Kennels

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### **Country Inn Kennels** (860) 872-9551

110 Sandy Beach Rd. **Ellington**

### **Red House Kennels** (860) 749-4531

744 Main St. **Somers**

### **Shagg-Bark Boarding Kennels** (860) 875-7526

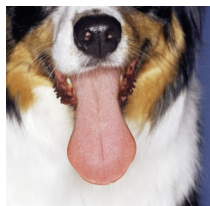
2 Anderson Rd. **Tolland**

### **Hidden Acres Kennel** (860) 871-9271

247 Plains Rd. **Tolland**

### **Valley Boarding Kennel** (860) 289-1509

47 Patria Rd. **South Windsor**



### **Camp Bow Wow** (860) 372-4787

1145 John Fitch Blvd. **South Windsor**

### **Day Hill Kennels** (860) 688-2370

136 Addison Rd. **Windsor**

### **Jordan's Boarding Kennels** (413) 782-2305

599 Tinkham Rd. **Springfield, MA**

### **Berlyd Acres Kennels** (413) 786-5633

627 N. Westfield St. **Feeding Hills, MA**

# CERT Volunteers

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The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is supported by the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, and Federal Emergency Management Agencies. Ellington CERT will be called upon to act in the event of a disaster or as needed to help mitigate an event that requires manpower above and beyond what the certified first responders are capable of providing. The team consists of Ellington residents that volunteer their time to assist the community, as well as training and monthly meetings. Ellington's CERT currently consists of 19 members. We are always recruiting new volunteers. There are many opportunities involving specific disciplines. Some examples are Ham Radio Communications, Shelter Operations, Traffic Control,

and Animal Rescue & Sheltering Operations, to name a few. If you are interested in volunteering for your community, check out the website at [www.citizen corps.gov/cert/index.shtm](http://www.citizen corps.gov/cert/index.shtm).



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PREPARING THE NATION**

To get more information about signing up for Ellington's team, contact John Streiber at (860) 870-3766 or [jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov).

It is a great way to get involved with the community, meet new people, and learn

new skills. Along with our monthly meetings and training, the team also has the opportunity to attend a yearly conference. It is intended to provide education on specific topics and get updates from State Departments. We also participate in town parades such as the Fireman's Parade and the Memorial Day Parade. Visit us at our booth at the Fair on the Green and consider joining us.



# Resources

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## Animal Related:

- [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org)
- [www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html](http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html)
- [www.avma.org/disaster](http://www.avma.org/disaster)
- [www.ctsart.org/](http://www.ctsart.org/)
- [www.fema.gov/individual/animals.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/individual/animals.shtm)
- [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org)
- [www.tripswithpets.com/](http://www.tripswithpets.com/)
- [www.petswelcome.com/](http://www.petswelcome.com/)

## Government/Federal:

- [www.ready.gov/](http://www.ready.gov/)
- [www.fema.gov/](http://www.fema.gov/)
- [www.hhs.gov/disasters/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/disasters/index.html)
- [www.americanhumane.org/](http://www.americanhumane.org/)
- [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- [www.fema.gov/kids/ready.htm](http://www.fema.gov/kids/ready.htm)

## Local:

- Town of Ellington—Emergency Management:**  
Don Davis (860) 870-3766 [ddavis@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:ddavis@ellington-ct.gov)
- State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security:**  
1-800-397-8876  
<http://www.ct.gov/demhs/site/default.asp>

# Donations

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Ellington Animal Control is extremely grateful for all the donations we receive throughout the year. Pet food, cat litter, towels and blankets are some of the more common items that we use and receive. As we think ahead and try to prepare our department in regards to our emergency plan, we ask that our donor's do the same. We, as a department, will be responsible for setting up a temporary animal shelter for displaced pets and pets of

people who are staying in the human shelter. Although we are trying to educate ahead of time as to what pet owners are responsible to bring, we know some will not be able to provide everything at that time. Relocating all of our resources as well as maintaining our regular facilities, will be a challenging task. Again, we thank everyone for the donations we receive and ask that you think about items we may need in the event of an

emergency or disaster situation. Items such as: bleach, disposable feed, water & litter pans, dog waste bags, spray bottles, hand sanitizer, paper towels, office supplies, and dog or cat crates. Any donations are always welcome. Feel free to call for any further suggestions.





**ELLINGTON ANIMAL CONTROL**

Physical Address: 29 Main St. (rear)  
Mailing Address: 55 Main St. Po Box 187  
Ellington, CT 06029

Phone: 860-870-3155  
Emergencies: 860-875-1522  
Fax: 860-870-3554

E-mail: [aleone@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:aleone@ellington-ct.gov)

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/CT68.html>

The Animal Control Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut State Laws pertaining to animals. This department responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control laws by telephone or police dispatch. The officers also investigate complaints of vicious, diseased, neglected or abused animals as well as picking up stray and roaming dogs. Impounded animals are cared for at the shelter by the officers. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption. Following the month of June, when all dog owners must renew their dog licenses, a search for unlicensed dogs begins. **The officers are available to assist the public or the police with any animal emergency.**

The Animal Control Department makes every effort to insure that all functions of this department and the operation of the shelter are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople. The Animal Control Officers provide assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully.

## Upcoming Events

### Fair on the Green

*May 8th 10am-4pm*

Visit the CERT booth to get information on how to prepare you and your pets for a disaster.



### Rabies Clinic & Microchipping

*May 22nd 2 - 4 pm*

Hosted by the CT Veterinary Medical Association and Ellington Animal Con-

trol. Rabies vaccines will be given by Dr. Kasperzak from Four Town Veterinary Hospital. The cost is \$20.00 per pet. Microchipping will also be offered this year for \$25.00, which includes registration. This is the perfect time to start your preparedness plan for your pets by microchipping them. Get the reassurance that they will be returned home to you in the



event of an emergency or disaster. Cash will only be accepted at this event. Please have dogs on leashes and cats in carriers. Call the Animal Control office with any questions.

### June

*June 1 - 30th*

Please license your dogs by June 30th in the Town Clerks office. The fee for a neutered or spayed dog is \$8.00 and \$19.00 for intact dogs. Late fees will apply after June. After June 30th you could be subject to a fine of \$75.00 under CT state statute 22-349 for failure to license. All dogs 6 months of age and older must be up licensed with the Town Clerk. Please remember to place your dog's tag on their collar. Contact Animal Control or the Town Clerks office, 860-870-3105, with any questions. The Town Clerks office hours are Monday 8:30-6pm, Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-4pm, and Friday 8:30-1:30pm.