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Emergency Preparedness For Birds (Cages, Kits, etc.)

Emergency Evacuation Preparation and Protocol for Birds: Cages, Disaster Kits and Procedures

Birds, Cages For Travel, Emergency Best Practices Are Some of The Things That Require Preparation And Practice

Unfortunately home emergencies can happen and all too often pet owners rely on their instincts to take care of themselves and their pets. However instincts is not an effective plan for an emergency evacuations. Pet birds are unable to care for themselves and therefore rely on their owners to meet their basic needs. Natural disasters often surprise people and leave birds stranded or separated from their owners. The PETS Act of 2006 required jurisdictions to include animal care in their emergency response plans. Congress expected this act to protect animals and encourage owners to flee with their pets rather than abandon them. In fact, as compared to other pets, birds have specialized evacuation needs because they are typically in a cage when an emergency occurs and once evacuated can be a flight risk outside. Cages for travel, go-kits and minor preparations around the home can ensure comfort and even save a bird's life during an emergency.

Preparing Your Birds (Cages, Contacts and Practice)

Establishing an organized procedure will help lessen the severity of an emergency. Bird owners can begin this process by making a few important phone calls. First, they should familiarize themselves with the various local emergency shelters or veterinary clinics. Some shelters accept both owners and their pets, but others either only accept pets or only accept owners. Shelters that allow owners to drop off their pets often require pre-registration, so it is a good idea to research their specific procedures before it is necessary to utilize their services. These shelters will need any equipment or supplies required to care for the bird in its owner's absence. It is also wise to know the pet-friendly hotels both in and outside of town in case it is necessary to evacuate for longer periods of time. All of these numbers can be programmed into a cell phone for easy access. Additionally, owners should talk to trusted neighbors who might be able to assume care of their birds should they need them. This person should have an extra set of keys to the house, know where all of the bird's supplies are, and be familiar with the bird's care plan and emergency plan.

Owners can also prepare their homes for an emergency. It's important to have a good supply of food and water on hand since specialized bird food can be difficult to find for those those picky eaters. Also keeping your bird's favorite snacks can be good. Rescue Alert stickers from the ASPCA placed in the front window of the house warn emergency workers that a pet may be inside. These stickers identify the number and types of pets in the house, along with the name and phone number of the veterinarian, which helps the rescue staff work more efficiently. If owners have already evacuated with their pets, they should write "Evacuated" on the sticker

People can even prepare their birds for an evacuation. Birds with leg bands should always



According to a study published by Texas Woman's University and Jacksonville State University, the bond between pet owner and pet can put humans at higher risk in natural disasters. The study surveyed victims of the 2005 Hurricane Katrina tragedy ten months after the hurricane had passed. It revealed that people were less likely to evacuate if they were "highly-attached" to their pets, and 38.5% of non-evacuees cited their pets as the reason for staying behind. Special consideration is required during an evacuation of birds. Cages for travel must be comfortable enough since birds could spend long periods of time inside them.

have updated contact information should an owner become separated from his bird. Also, because birds can sense the stress their owners exude in an emergency, it may help keep them calm if they practiced the emergency procedure. Birds should feel comfortable entering an airline-approved travel cage, and the environment must be accommodating enough for several days for these birds. Cages can be marked with the owner's contact information.

Emergency Travel Kit for Birds (Cages, ID and First-Aid)

Having an emergency kit will speed up an evacuation. Below is a list of items owners may want to consider when stocking their kits.

- A travel carrier for birds (cage or backpack).
- A current photo of the bird, complete with any special markings.
- A photo of the owner and bird together.
- Vaccination records and medication dose sheet sealed in a plastic bag.
- Proof of identification and ownership (copies of registration information, microchip data, adoption certificates etc.).
- A physical description of the bird with any relevant behavioral information.
- First-aid kit recommended by the veterinarian (It may include Quick Stop, bandages, gauze, Q-tips, antibiotic spray, tweezers, hydrogen peroxide, corn starch, syringes, small scissors etc.).
- Enough food, water and dishes for at least 5-7 days.
- Cleaning supplies necessary for the cage.
- Spray bottle to keep the bird cool.
- Towel for emergency restraint.
- Blanket or heating pad.
- Chlorine bleach for purifying water

During an Emergency

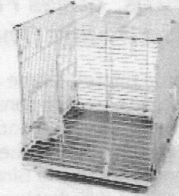
During an emergency it is important to remain calm and following the emergency protocol plan owners have established.

- Prepare the bird for travel in a travel carrier.
- Cover the bird's cage with a blanket during cold weather or bring a spray bottle filled with water during hot weather.
- If the bird's cage doesn't have a perch, then line the bottom with paper towels.
- Place fresh fruits with high water content inside the bird's cage rather than water dishes themselves during the transport.
- Call the emergency shelters to make sure they still have space available.
- Listen to the emergency broadcast on a TV or radio.

Preparing for the worst-case scenario helps owners feel at ease. A bird's needs may be specific and difficult to cater to in the event of an emergency. Owners should never rely solely on any electric equipment such as heaters or automatic feeders to support their birds during an emergency since power outages are also a possibility. Birds could be stranded during a power outage, and, if their owners have already evacuated, it may be impossible to reach the birds again. But having an updated emergency kit located in a safe, accessible position helps relieve the worry of a "what if?" scenario with their birds. Cages and other travel accessories can be found at bird-cage.com to help owners stock their emergency kits and take care of their beloved birds.



Bird-cage.com offers the Celltei Pack-a-bird XS, a portable carrying case for birds. Cages for travel must be easy-to-carry and provide comfort for their occupants. This backpack has front and back straps with plenty of accessories



This is another example of a portable cage. This bird's cage is collapsible and therefore easily stored around the house. It can pop up into a travel bird carrier and is made of wrought-iron steel with bird-safe powder coating. The handle on top makes it easy to carry.