

# Going on vacation?

## Pet Tips

- If your pet/s will be staying at home, check your fence line for small holes or gaps, remove items that are against the fence that may be climbed or scaled, lock gates. Lonely and bored animals will find things to occupy their time, making sure your yard is secure may save your family from heartache
- Have someone check on and play with your animals at least twice a day while you are away
- Make a list of your pet's daily routine for the caregiver to follow. Include all medications.
- Consider having someone stay in your home with your pet/s or boarding your pet/s
- Make sure your pet's vaccinations are up-to-date. If you will be boarding your pet make sure your dog receives a bordello vaccination or booster
- Make sure your pet has a collar and tags, however, do not trust a collar and tags solely. If a pet gets lost a collar may come off; consider a current\* microchip as a permanent form of identification (\* microchip data must be undated if your contact info changes)
- Leave a photo and description of your pet in case it gets out of your yard. Make sure your caregiver knows what to do if your pet is lost and instruct them to call you right away if anything occurs
- Make sure that all veterinary information is left with the caretaker, as well as permission to treat your pet/s if needed. Instruct your caregiver to call you right away if anything occurs
- If you live in an area that may be threatened by fire. Leave a signed note of explanation allowing your caretaker access to your property; include your address and consider a copy of your driver's license also. In a time of fire closures, officials only allow people with current proof of residency access to the area. This may be a simple paper, but may make a difference between life and death. Check with your local law enforcement or fire department for additional requirements
- Certain holidays cause added stress for animals (i.e.; New Year's Eve, Fourth of July) and the days leading up to and following these holidays. When an animal feels threatened it will bolt away from the threat. These are high volume times for County Animal Shelters. Even though you may be responsible and redeem your animal right away, your act may have caused the euthanasia of another animal to make space at the shelter for your pet. Save two lives by planning to take precautionary measures in advance of the holiday. Make sure your caregiver calls you right away if your animal is lost
- Stray animals are held at the County Animal Services shelter for 5 business days before they are assessed for adoptability and made available for adoption
- Remember- Dogs are pack animals. If their pack has left them, they may become lonesome, get out, and try to find you or a replacement pack

- Taking precautionary measures will help you to relax and know your pet is well taken care of. Enjoy!