

**Gather contact info:** Make a list of contact information and addresses of area animal control, rescue, humane agencies, and emergency veterinary hospitals. Keep one copy of these phone numbers with you and one in your pet's emergency supply kit.

If your pet is micro chipped, keep your emergency contact information current.

**Obtain "Pets Inside" stickers:** Place on doors and windows and include the number and types of pets in your home to alert fire and rescue workers.

Consider putting a phone number on the sticker where you could be reached in an emergency. If time permits, write the words "Evacuated with Pets" across the stickers, should you flee with your pets.

### 3. Stay Informed

**Know potential emergencies:**

It's critical to stay informed about what emergencies are likely to affect your home and region as well as emergency plans established by your state and local government.

Adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities.

*With this simple 3 step approach, you can be prepared for the unexpected.*

## ABOUT BCOA READY BORZOI

*Ready Borzoi* was created as a disaster preparedness resource by the Borzoi Club of America for its members. An expansive website covering every aspect of preparedness was created including disaster information, state plans, every day emergencies, law and governance issues, tools and links, as well as a volunteer corps of fanciers across the US who are prepared to offer various forms of assistance such as transportation or boarding.

In 2011, BCOA was honored with the prestigious AKC Community Service award for *Ready Borzoi*.

No matter the breed of dog, all *Ready Borzoi* info is useful. BCOA encourages owners to promote disaster planning within their clubs and communities and implement a plan of their own. Your pet's life may depend on it.

To learn much more, please visit [www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/readyborzoi/BCOA\\_ReadyBorzoi.html](http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/readyborzoi/BCOA_ReadyBorzoi.html)

or, scan the QR code below with your smart phone.



# 3 STEPS THAT COULD SAVE YOUR DOG'S LIFE.



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**Ready Borzoi**

Borzoi Club of America

# 1. PREPARE

**Kits:** Consider 2 kits. In one, put everything you and your pets will need to stay where you are. The other should be a light weight, smaller version you can take with you if you and your pets have to get away. Review your kits regularly to ensure that contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh.

**Food:** Keep at least 3 days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.

**Water:** Store at least 3 days of water specifically for your pets in addition to water you need for yourself and your family.

**Medicines and medical records:** Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.

**First aid kit:** Talk to your veterinarian about what's appropriate for your pets. Most kits should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea/tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol, saline solution, and a pet first aid reference book.

**Collar with 1D tag, harness or leash:** Include a backup leash, collar, and ID tag, copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents, and medical records in a clean plastic bag

or waterproof container, and add them to your kit.

Consider permanent identification such as micro chipping, and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.

**Pet carrier:** Obtain a sturdy, safe, comfortable crate or carrier ready for transporting your pet. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.

**Sanitation:** Include items such as pet litter and litter box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs. You can use bleach as a disinfectant (dilute nine parts water to one part bleach). You can also use it to purify water. Use 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented or color safe bleaches, or those with added cleaners.

**A picture of you and your pet together:** If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color, and distinguishing characteristics.

**Familiar items:** Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit to help reduce stress for your pet.

# 2. Plan

Be prepared to assess the situation. Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the emergency the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away. Local authorities may or may not immediately be able to provide information. Watch TV, listen to the radio, or check the internet for instructions. If you're specifically told to evacuate, shelter-in-place, or seek medical treatment, do so immediately.

**Create a plan to evacuate:** If you must evacuate, take your pets with you. Plan how you will transport your pets and where you will go. Note that not all public shelters allow pets. Secure appropriate lodging in advance. Consider family or friends, a hotel that takes pets, boarding facilities, or your family's meeting place. Find out before an emergency happens which options are viable for you and your pets.

**Develop a buddy system:** Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Talk with your pet care buddy about your evacuation plans and show them where you keep your pet's emergency supply kit. Also designate specific locations, one in your immediate neighborhood and another farther away, where you will meet in an emergency.