Are you and your reptilians and/or amphibians prepared for a disaster?

If not, here's how to get started

- What do you need packed before a disaster strikes?
  - Heat source, including one that doesn't require electricity
  - Water
  - Food (i.e new Repashy powdered options)
  - Hides
  - Travel cage/carrier
  - Identifying pictures
  - Caresheets
- If you're not home, or able to get home is there someone else that can care for them?
  - Make sure you have discussed this with multiple people and fill out a card like the one below

☐ Dogs ☐ Cats ☐ Birds
☐ Other _____

Primary Contact

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Alternate Contacts

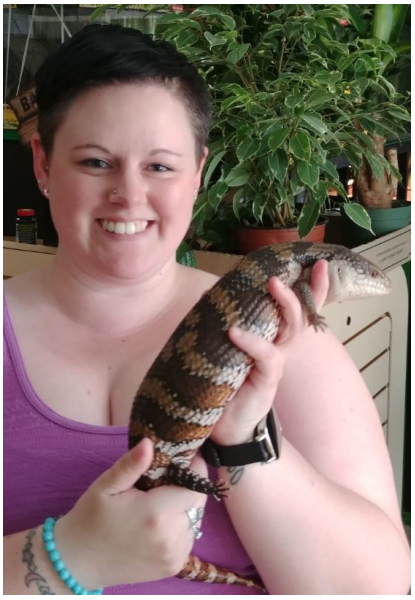
Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

- Can you bring them to a family/friend's house?
  - Have them get acquainted with your animals and their feeding behaviors ahead of time
- What are evacuation options?
  - Do you have travel cages?
  - Have you talked with local shelters to see if they can accommodate your pet?

- What if you are stuck at home with no power, no generator?
    - There are some options like Hand Warmers that can help with the heat, but you must be careful to make sure the animals don't get burned
    - Another slightly more expensive option is the Cryopak that is designed to keep a cage/carrier at about 70 degrees.
    - You may need more than 1 for larger cages
    - Test out your options before a disaster strikes; it will help lessen the stress on you and even more importantly the animals'

- Do you have care sheets for each species in case someone else must care for them?
    - Not yet, well you better get started! Generic care sheets can be found on the internet, but everyone does things a little differently to accommodate their care style
- Make sure your animals can be easily identified as being yours
    - Take pictures showing off any unique pattern that they may have
    - Take pictures of you with your animal



You are the most important person in your pets' life so as you are thinking about what they need, don't forget yourself.

*For more information on general preparedness visit **www.gsem.us** or contact our office at 509-477-2204. If you have questions specifically related to preparing for your reptile/amphibian ask for Heather.*

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