

## September is Disaster Preparedness Month

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### 4 Reasons Your Pet Needs an ID Tag or Collar

*By dog tag art*

Most people agree that pet ID tags and collars are important for the safety of their pet but according to one ASPCA study, only about a third of all pet owners actually put pet ID tags on their pets.

#### *Why Pet ID Tags and/or collars are Important*

- 1. There is always a chance your pet might get lost.** BHA has had an increasing amount of lost and found dogs recently. According to the Found Animals Foundation, 1 in 3 pets will get lost at some point in their lifetime and 90% of them never return home. Another study reported that approximately 10 million pets get lost every year. Pet ID tags ensure that if your pet does get lost, it's easy for the person who finds them to get in contact with you and get your pet home safe.
- 2. Unexpected events happen.** Natural disasters can strike without warning, like the recent floods, or a fire. Any number of these unexpected events could result in the loss of your pet. It's best to be prepared ahead of time for these kinds of events. Putting a pet ID tag on your dog or cat's collar is a simple way to do just that.
- 3. With a tag and collar, your pet is more likely to receive help.** Many more people are willing to stop and help a stray that appears to be a family pet. Without a tag or collar, people might be hesitant to approach your pet and their chance at rescue could be lost.
- 4. Pet ID tags are the fastest way to get your pet home.** Micro-chipping is a valuable way to keep track of your pet, but if someone finds your pet, they will need to take him to a shelter or vet's

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