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Emergency Preparedness St. John Ambulance says “Remember Your Pets”

April 30, 2010 (Mississauga, ON) – The Therapy Dog Program (TDP) run by St. John Ambulance was established in 1994. Its success is due to the dedication of the wonderful dogs in it, and to their volunteer owners.

Since the week of May 2-8, 2010 has been designated as Emergency Preparedness Week, St. John Ambulance, with its keen interest in the TDP, - would like to remind everybody that while it is extremely important to prepare your families emergency preparedness kit, kits for our pets are often overlooked.

How tragic that when disaster strikes, the needs of pets are unable to be met, simply because of preparation oversight. How often have news reports shown the plight of pets left behind during a crisis or disastrous situation? Most emergency shelters do not take household pets, only service animals like those dogs that are part of the St. John Ambulance Therapy dog program are allowed.

As well as preparing an EP pet kit, a plan should also be in place for when you are not at home during an emergency. Choose a reliable person who is able to make themselves available for your pet.

The contents of a standard Pet EP Kit should include;

Food, Portable water, bowls, paper towels and a can opener

Blanket and a small toy

Sturdy leash/harness

Cat litter/pan (if required) and plastic bags

Carrie for transporting your pet

Medications and medical records.

A current photo of your pet in case it becomes lost

Information on feeding schedules, medical or behavioral problems. (in case it must be boarded

Up-to-date ID tag with your phone number and the name/phone number of your veterinarian

Copy of license (if required)

Muzzle (if required)

For additional information on preparing your pet for an emergency, contact your veterinarian or local animal shelter.

For more information on St. John Ambulance community services, training programs or volunteer opportunities, please call 905-568-1905 or visit our web site at www.sja-mississauga.ca.

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