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Protect your Pets using AlertOC

(Santa Ana, CA) – Emergencies can happen at any time. A wildfire could spread or a flood could close the roads to your neighborhood while you are at work and your pets are at home. The County's mass notification system – AlertOC – is a lifeline to immediately learn of any required actions so that you may have a better chance to pick up your best friends if conditions permit.

AlertOC is Orange County's regional emergency notification system used by the County and 32 cities to notify residents and businesses during an earthquake, flood or fire.

The best time to register your numbers to help protect your furry family members is now. September is National Disaster Preparedness Month, reminding us to look at our own level of preparedness and emergency plans. Registering your cell phones and email addresses with AlertOC will increase your chance of being alerted when an emergency situation is impacting your neighborhood.

By registering your daytime numbers, cell phones, text devices and e-mail accounts, you will receive timely notifications of emergency situations. AlertOC is also regularly updated with landline phone numbers. The County urges all residents and businesses, whether or not they have pets, to visit www.AlertOC.com to register their alternate numbers.

Just as is the case for humans, displacement can be distressing for pets. Create emergency kits for your animals with food, treats, medicine and a comforting play toy. Visit ReadyOC.org for assistance with creating emergency kits, as well as other essential preparedness information.