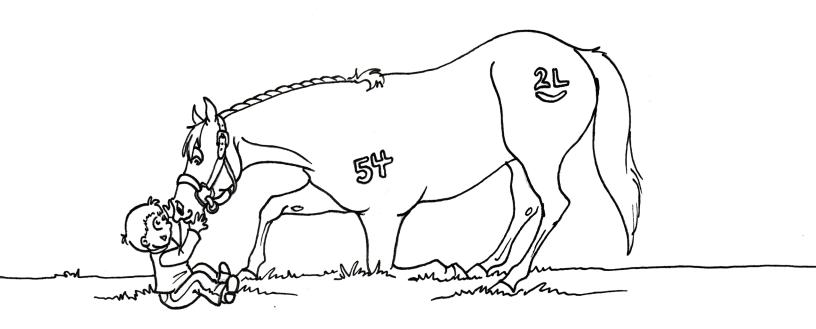


A story for pet emergency preparedness.

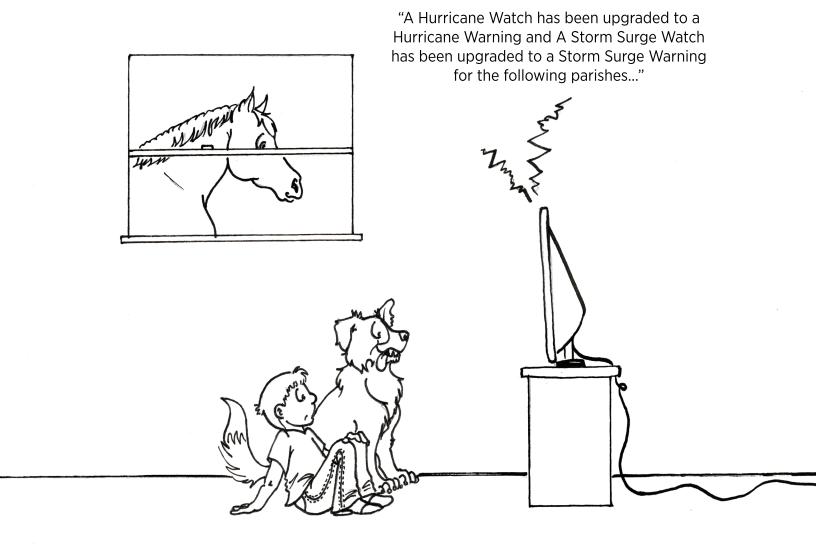
For all the pets that bring joy to our lives. May we care for them as they do for us.

Also, for Rowen, who brings a smile to my face and was the inspiration to this rhyme.



Written by Sara Kimball Illustrated by Morgane Schmidt

While storms blow in a mess, Rowen won't be stressed.



Long before storms arrive, he had a plan to help his family survive.

Rowen made sure his pets got their vet checks.



This keeps them healthy and is worth the trek.

Rowen has maps and driving routes.

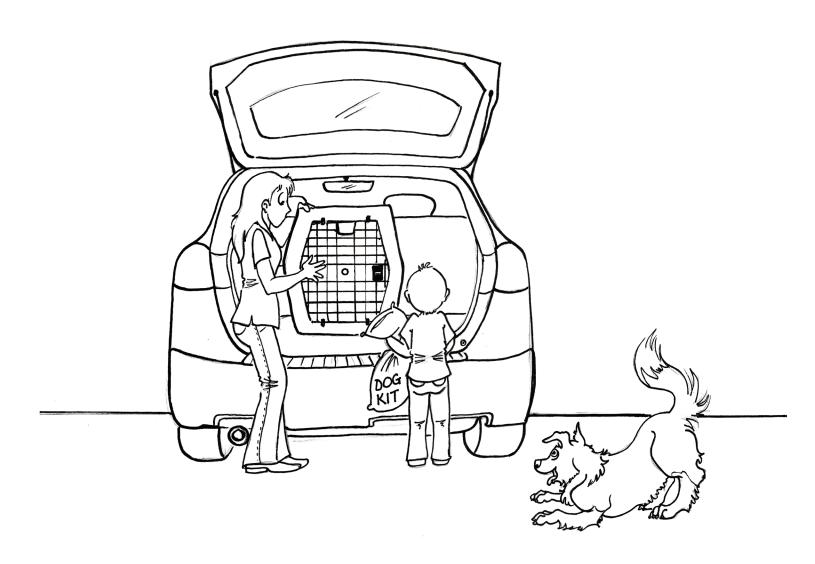


Pet friendly shelters are set up safe away or some hotels will let your pet stay.

Rowen puts away things that may blow around and prepares his home for while he's not around.

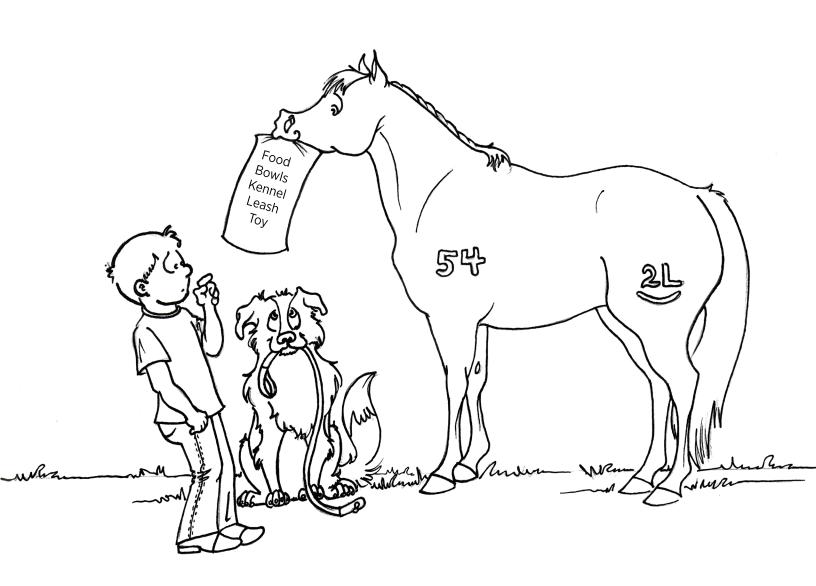


Rowen packs suitcases for everyone. Collars, leashes, bowls, and food. A favorite toy in the kennel too.



Having a plan ahead of time makes sure you won't be in a bind.

Do you want to make a plan of your own? Sit with your parents to check this list and never forget your loyal pets.



#### For Educators: Questions to Ask

This is about taking care of pets. Do you or someone you know have a pet?

- 1. Do you know who the pets doctor is?
- 2. What does your pet eat?
- 3. What supplies does your pet need if you go on a trip?
- 4. Can you draw a picture of your pet?



Use the Ralph's Responders activity book for ideas.

Available for free at www.lsart.org



#### In Tribute to Ralph

This educational coloring book is in tribute to a trusty bay horse named Ralph. Owned by LSART responder, Sara, he made an amazing working partner. He helped train many responders by being such a bomb-proof horse that he didn't need sedation for training exercises, including being washed by groups of students in full body PPE. Having such a patient, calm, and collected animal made hands-on training stress free; the real Ralph even bowed! He will be dearly missed and a horse that will never be forgotten.

Special thank you to my parents, Amy and Brent, who helped care for Ralph and aided in all of our adventures.

The art for this book was done by Morgane Schmidt, creator of the equestrian comic, *The Idea of Order.* 



#### **Emergency Pet Check List**

- Enough food/water for one week
- Medications for two weeks
- Photo of pet(proof of ownership), registration papers, and care instructions/microchip number
- Proof of vaccinations/rabies tag
- Food/water bowl
- Collar(with ID tag)/leash
- Portable kennel/carrier
- Blanket/comfort toy
- Litterbox/litter
- Poop bags
- Wet wipes
- Exotic pets- bring habitat, heat lamps, extension cords

\*Be sure to have your veterinarian microchip your pet along with recommended vaccinations and heartworm preventative.