

Prepare Your Pets for Disasters

Pets are family members, so make sure you include them in any plans in the event of an emergency.

HAVE A PLAN



If it's not safe for you to stay in the event of an emergency, then it's not safe for your pet to stay. Having a plan ready will make it much less stressful and difficult if the time comes to evacuate.



Do your research.

Find a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen. Check with friends and family in safe areas and look up pet-friendly hotels along evacuation routes.



Plan with people you know.

Plan with neighbors, friends, or relatives to make sure that someone can care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.



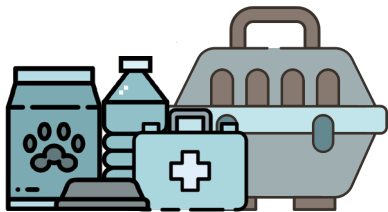
Have up-to-date info.

Have copies of your pet's vaccination record and make sure your pet has a collar and microchip with up-to-date information, including name, address, phone number, and emergency contact number.



Have contact info ready.

Have contact info of any local animal shelters and emergency management offices in case you become separated from your pet.



BUILD A KIT

Building an emergency kit for your pet is a crucial step in emergency preparedness. Make sure you review your kit often and ensure the contents are fresh.



Have several days' supply of both food and water. Store food in a waterproof container to ensure freshness.



Store any medicine your pet regularly takes in a waterproof container.



Have a first-aid kit prepared for any medical needs.



Have an appropriately-sized carrier ready for each pet.



Include a backup leash and collar/harness with additional copies of your pet's ID tag. Include any additional documents, such as registration papers, in a waterproof container.



Pet grooming supplies, such as shampoo, a brush, and clippers should be included in your emergency kit.



A picture of you and your pet together will help prove ownership in the event you and your pet are separated.



Include any sanitation needs for your pet, such as waste bags, litter, and a litter box.



Familiar items to your pet, such as toys, bedding, and blankets should be included to reduce stress for your pets.

STAY INFORMED



Staying informed is a crucial step in preparing your pets for disasters. Pay attention to upcoming weather conditions, listen to local officials, and always bring pets indoors at the first sign of a storm or disaster.



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