

Prepare Your Pets for Disasters

Your pets are important member of your family! This is why they should be included in your family's emergency plan.


To prepare for the unexpected, keep your pets in mind as you follow these tips:

1. Make a plan.
2. Build an emergency kit.
3. Stay informed.

Make a Plan

If you have a plan in place for you and your pets, you will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry when you need to make a decision during an emergency.

THINGS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR PLAN:

-  **Know what to do with your pet during an evacuation** . Many public shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside. Know a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen.
- **Develop a buddy system**. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.
- **Have copies of your pet's vaccination record, and make sure your pet is microchipped**. Keep your address and phone number up-to-date and include an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.
- **Keep contact information for your local emergency management office or animal control office and shelters on hand** in case you become separated from your pet.

Build a Kit for your Pet

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival.

Review your kit regularly to ensure that their contents are fresh.

HERE ARE SOME ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN AN EMERGENCY KIT FOR YOUR PET:

- **Food and Water**. Keep several days' supply of both.
- Keep food in an airtight, waterproof container, and have a water bowl to use.




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