



NEMCo is a partnership:

- Kenmore,
- Lake Forest Park,
- Shoreline Fire Department,
- Northshore Utility District.

Our purpose is to:

- Engaging the whole community
- Prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover
- From all types of emergencies & disasters through:
 - Education
 - Volunteer coordination.



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- Certified Veterinary Assistant
- Certified in Applied Animal Behavior
- Community Emergency Response Team Certified
- Low Stress Handling
- Rescue Recover Basic and Advanced life support training





PET

PREPAREDNESS



TRUE COMPANIONS THROUGH THICK AND THIN



of Americans have pets.



consider their pets
members of their family.



It's no surprise that pets are a major factor when deciding what to do during a crisis — and those decisions can put personal safety at risk.



When Hurricane Katrina hit, **44%** of the people who chose to ride out the storm did so because they could not evacuate with their animals.



Yet, more than **1 in 3** owners still don't know what to do in an emergency.

SOURCES: Harris Interactive, Time, The Atlantic, Lake Research Partners, ASPCA



Pet Preparedness

Include your pets in your emergency plans:

- **Build a separate emergency kit**
- Make sure your **pets are prepared** in case you need to travel
- Make sure and **keep digital records and pictures** to identify your pet



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

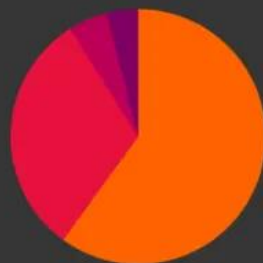
Among current pet owners in the U.S.

The ASPCA recently fielded an online survey¹ focused on disaster preparedness and evacuation experiences of U.S. adults.

Among pet owners:

- 23%** have evacuated for a disaster or emergency.
- 47%** of pet owners who evacuated left at least one pet at home.
- 83%** live in a community that faces disasters.
- 91%** plan to bring their pet(s) with them during an evacuation.
- 46%** have a disaster preparedness plan in place.
- 39%** have identification for each pet.

Pet owner's time away from home following evacuation:



60% 1-3 Days

31% 4-7 Days

5% 8-14 Days

4% 15+ Days

Pet owners prepared for disasters with:

- 52%** Travel crate or carrier
- 47%** Two weeks' worth of pet food + water
- 39%** Identification for each pet
- 31%** Secured transportation
- 25%** Pet prescriptions and medical records
- 45%** Cat litter
- 16%** Secured emergency housing
- <1%** Other
- 17%** None of the above

¹Methodology: Survey results are some of the findings of an Ipsos Omnibus poll conducted between 7/19/2021 and 7/22/ 2021. A nationally representative sample of 4017 U.S. adults aged 18 to 89 years were interviewed online in English.

Make a Plan

Have an evacuation plan for your pet.

- 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 your pet microchipped.

- Make sure to keep your address and phone number up-to-date and include contact information for an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.

Build a Kit for Your Pet

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

Have two kits:

- . One larger kit if you are sheltering in place
- . One lightweight version for if you need to evacuate.



Review your kits regularly to ensure that their contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh

Pet Emergency Kit

Food.

- Keep several days' supply of food in an airtight, waterproof container

Water.

- Store a water bowl and several days' supply of water.

Medicine.

- Keep an extra supply of the medicine your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.

First aid kit.

- Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs

Collar with ID tag and a harness or leash.

- Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag. Have copies of your pet's registration information and other relevant documents in a waterproof container and available electronically.



Pet Emergency Kit

Traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet.

Grooming items.

- Pet shampoo, conditioner and other items, in case your pet needs some cleaning up.

Sanitation needs.

- Include pet litter and litter box (if appropriate), newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags
- household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.

A picture of you and your pet together.

- If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet
- document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet.

Familiar items.

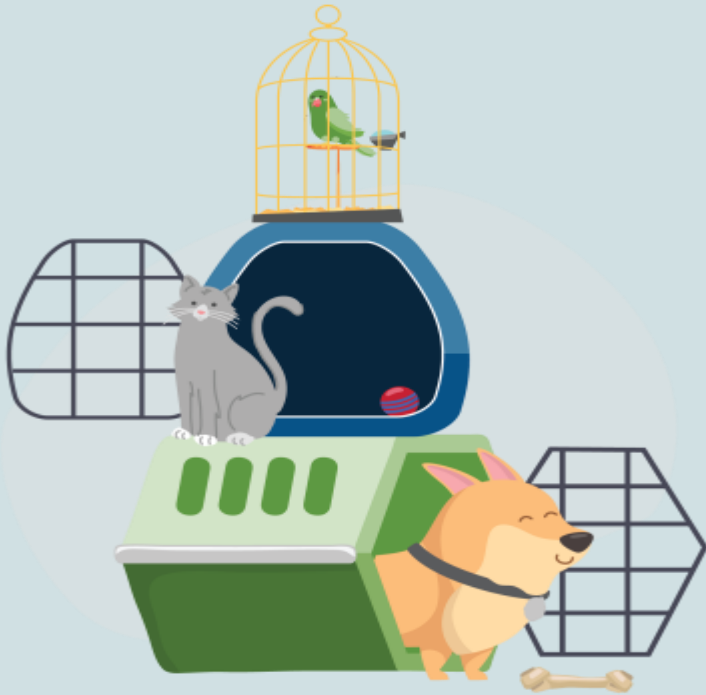
- Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit.
- Familiar items can help reduce stress for your pet.

Prepare Pets for Travel

When evacuating your home, it's important to bring your pets. Because you may need to put your cat or dog into a pet carrier, it's important that they're comfortable with the experience.

Follow these tips to reduce their stress:

- Leave the carrier out in places your pet frequently visits
- Feed them treats near the carrier – you can even try putting a few treats inside the carrier
- Add a favorite blanket or small bed inside the carrier so it smells familiar
- Make note of where your pets hide, so you can easily find them in case you have to leave your house quickly.



MICROCHIP YOUR PET

Microchips don't replace a tag and collar, but they can make all the difference when it comes to getting your pet back.



Did You Know?



1 in 3 family pets will get lost



But only about **6 out of 10** microchips are registered



Microchipped dogs are more than twice as likely to be returned to their owners.



Microchipped cats are more than 20 times as likely to be returned to their owners.

Ensure all animals have Identification



Licensing your pet is the law in King County





NO ANIMAL LEFT BEHIND

Follow these steps to keep your pets safe before the unexpected happens.

Make sure pets wear collars and I.D. tags with up-to-date contact information, and have your pet microchipped.



72% of dog owners and **76%** of cat owners say their animals are not microchipped.

Put alert stickers on your home windows so that rescue personnel know you have a pet in the home.



Keep current photos of your pets on hand in case an animal goes missing.

Learn nearby exit routes and the locations of local shelters, pet friendly hotels, and friends who can serve as designated caregivers.

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Stay Informed



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Being prepared and staying informed of current conditions

Pay attention to [wireless emergency alerts](#) for local alerts and warnings sent by state and local public safety officials.

Listen to local officials when told to evacuate or shelter in place.

[Download the FEMA app](#) and get weather alerts from the National Weather Service, for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY



- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

- 3 classes a year
- Monthly “all volunteer” meetings

- **Citizen Workshops**

- 2 per year

- **Amateur Radio**

- Training classes, FCC License
- Monthly trainings

- **Drone Program**

- Training classes
- Aid Search & Rescue, support Hazard Assessments





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QUESTIONS