

PETS DEPEND ON YOU DURING EMERGENCIES

Assemble your pet emergency kit in an easy-to-carry, waterproof container. Store away from areas with extreme temperatures and replace food, water, and medications as needed for quality.

FOOD AND WATER

- ☐ At least a three day supply of each in airtight, waterproof containers
- ☐ If using canned food, include a can opener and spoon
- ☐ Avoid storing water in direct sunlight
- ☐ Spill-proof food and water dishes
- ☐ Rotate food and water every two months to avoid spoilage

FIRST AID/MEDICATION

- ☐ Basic animal first aid kit and book (consult veterinarian)
- ☐ At least a one-week supply of prescription medication, heartworm and flea/tick preventatives (provide veterinary and pharmacy contact information for refills)

IDENTIFICATION

- ☐ Photos of you with your pet(s)
- ☐ Proof of vaccinations (in case you must board pet)
- ☐ Copy of microchip ID number

ANIMAL CARE SUPPLIES

- ☐ Collar and leash or harness (for each pet)
- ☐ Crate or carrier (for each animal, labeled with your contact information)
- ☐ Blanket, toys, and treats

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- ☐ Chlorine bleach (sanitation – 9 parts water to 1 part bleach)
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Dish soap
- ☐ Plastic bags or cat litter with litter tray (to collect waste)

PREPARE YOUR PETS FOR A DISASTER





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TAKE THE TIME NOW TO GET YOURSELF AND YOUR PET(S) READY

1 IDENTIFY EVACUATION LOCATIONS

- Identify pet-friendly hotels, kennels, or family homes for evacuation
- Write down locations and store with your emergency kit
- Practice loading pet(s) into carriers and vehicle

2 MICROCHIP YOUR PET(S)

- It is the single best way to reunite lost pets and families
- If you move, update microchip, phone numbers, and emergency contact information
- Secure an ID tag on your pet's collar

3 START A BUDDY SYSTEM

- Give a trusted person a key to evacuate your pets in an emergency
- Include your pet's information and an emergency contact, such as a veterinarian
- Make sure they are comfortable handling your pet(s)

4 ASSEMBLE AN EMERGENCY KIT

- Assemble a kit for each pet in your household
- Keep the kit near an exit for easy access during an emergency
- Turn this card over for tips on what to include in your disaster kit

5 TAKE A PHOTO OF YOU WITH YOUR PET(S)

- Photos can prove ownership if you are separated from your pet(s)
- Keep copies in your phone, wallet, and emergency kit, and share with family/friends

**Adapt this information to your needs.
Always follow instructions from on scene authorities.**