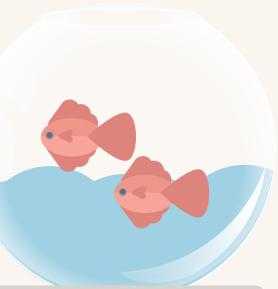


EMERGENCY PREPARATION FOR YOUR PETS

IT'S IN THE BAG

Be ready for anything! Pack a bag with essential supplies for your pets.



BUILDING A PET EMERGENCY KIT

Pets are members of our families, so let's make sure they're taken care of in an emergency by packing them an emergency kit. Use this checklist to make sure your kit has all the essentials, and read through these tips for more important information.

BASIC KIT CHECKLIST

- 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's most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs.
- Identification. Collar with ID tag and a harness or leash.
- Vital documents. Pet's registration information, vaccination record, and other relevant documents in a waterproof container and available electronically.
- Traveling bag, crate, or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet.
- Grooming supplies. 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.
- A picture of you and your pet together.
- Familiar items. Put favorite toys, treats, or bedding in your kit. Familiar items can help reduce stress for your pet.

EMERGENCY TIPS

Have an evacuation plan for your pet.

Many public shelters and hotels don't allow pets inside. Know a safe place where you can take your pets if a disaster or emergency happens.

Make extra time.

Evacuating pets often takes longer than expected, so if you have a pet, you should be getting ready to leave earlier than you would otherwise.

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're unable to do so.

Have your pet microchipped.

Make sure to keep your address and phone number up-to-date and include emergency contact information.

Stay informed.

Contact your local emergency management office, animal shelter, or animal control office to get additional advice and information if you're unsure how to care for your pet in an emergency.

Pay attention to wireless emergency alerts for local alerts and warnings.

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.