

PREPARE YOUR PETS FOR A DISASTER



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

1 IDENTIFY EVACUATION LOCATIONS

- Find places that take pets if you evacuate; consider pet friendly hotels, kennels, or family members
- 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

- Exchange keys with someone who can evacuate your pet(s) if not home when emergency strikes
- Provide your pet's information and emergency contact information, 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 cell phone, wallet, emergency kit, and give copies to family/friends

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



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)

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