

Emergency Plan Checklist

Ensure your pet is part of your family emergency plan:

- Plan where you and your pet will stay in case you need to evacuate your home.
- Locate a veterinarian or animal hospital in the area where you may be seeking temporary shelter and add the veterinarian's contact information to your emergency kit.
- Create a system in case you're not home during an emergency. Ask a trusted neighbor who can check on your animals and can evacuate your animals if necessary.
- Prepare an emergency kit. Put together a backpack or a rolling bag of emergency supplies for your pet such as food and water for several days, treats, medications, toys, and blankets. Make sure that perishable items are replaced every few months.
- Create copies of important documents for your animal such as vaccination records, microchip information, photos of your pet, your contact information, friends/relatives contact information, notes on feeding, medication, and behavior. Keep a copy off-site with a friend or family member, in digital storage, and tape a copy to a portable kennel.
- Be ready to relocate pets quickly by having crates and extra supplies on hand. Make sure you have the proper equipment for pets to ride in the car (carriers, harnesses, pet seat belts, etc.).
- Have your entire family, including your furry family members, practice evacuating so everyone knows what to take, where to find the pets, and where to meet.

Here's what goes in a pet emergency kit:

- A pet carrier for each of your pets (write your pet's name, your name, and contact information on each carrier).
- Food and water for at least 2 weeks for each pet
- Medications for at least 2 weeks
- Medical records, including vaccination records for rabies and other diseases, prescription medications, and medical history.
- Sturdy leashes or harnesses
- Microchip number
- Contact information (cell phone, work phone, home phone) of the owner and close relative or friends