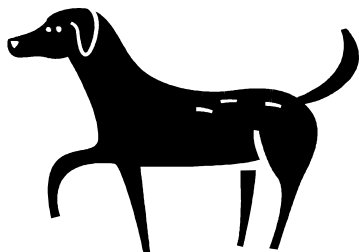


Pets

In Case of Emergency

Tips for Pet Owners Before a Disaster

- Keep your pet's ID tag up-to-date and make sure it is securely fastened to your pet's collar.
- Make sure nothing is positioned so that it can fall on your pet.
- Arrange for a neighbor to take care of your pet if you are not able to get home after a disaster.
- Find out before a disaster which local hotels and motels allow pets and where pet boarding facilities are located. Be sure to include some outside your local area in case local facilities have closed. Remember that most boarding facilities require veterinarian records to provide vaccination records are current.
- Be aware that pets will not be allowed at locations for the sheltering of displaced people, so you will need to have a place to house your pet while you are at the shelter.
- Prepare a list of family, friends, boarding facilities, veterinarians, and "pet-friendly" hotels that could shelter your pets in an emergency.
- Prepare a shelter or evacuation kit for your pet, including an unbreakable dish, veterinarian records, a restraint (leash or pet carrier) and medication with instructions.



During and After an Event

- Do not try to hold onto your pet during an earthquake or other disaster. Animals will instinctively protect themselves and hide where they are safe. If you get in their way, even the nicest pets can turn on you.
- Be patient with your pets after a disaster. They get stressed just like people and need time to readjust. They may disappear for some time, but they generally show up again when things have calmed down.
- If you have outdoor pets, keep them indoors until any subsequent events have subsided and they have calmed down.
- If you must evacuate your home, do not leave pets behind, however, pets will not be allowed at locations for the sheltering of displaced people. Take them to a local boarding facility and visit often if possible.

Disaster Supply Checklist for Pets

Keep everything accessible, stored in sturdy containers (duffel bags, covered trash containers, etc.).

In your disaster kit, you should include:

- Medications and medical records stored in a water-proof container and a first aid kit. A pet first aid book is also good to include.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pets can't escape. Carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around, and lie down. Your pet may have to stay in the carrier for hours at a time while you have taken shelter. Be sure to have a secure cage with no loose objects (except blankets or towels for bedding and warmth) inside it to accommodate smaller pets.
- Current photos and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them in case you and your pets become separated and to prove that they are yours.
- Food and water for at least three days for each pet, bowls, cat litter and litter box, and a manual can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets or place them in foster care.
- Other useful items include newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items, toys to help reduce stress and household bleach.



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ANIMALS INSIDE!

Check type of pets in the home:

Cats _____
number of cats

Dogs _____
number of dogs

Other (please specify): _____

Please call: _____

Tape this card on the inside of a front facing window