



Prepare Your Pets For Disasters

Make a plan. Build a kit. Stay informed.

Make a Plan

Things to Include in Your Plan:

- **Know what to do with your pet during an evacuation.** Many public shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside. Know a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen.
- **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 are unable to do so.
- **Have copies of your pet's vaccination record, and make sure your pet is microchipped.** Keep your address and phone number up-to-date and include an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.
- **Keep contact information for your local emergency management office or animal control office and shelters on hand** in case you become separated from your pet.



Build a Kit for Your Pet

Review your kit regularly to ensure the contents are fresh.

Things to Include in Your Kit:

- **Food & Water** - keep several days' supply of both
 - Keep food in an airtight, waterproof container, and have a water bowl to use
- **Medicine** - keep an extra supply that your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container
- **First Aid Kit** - include items appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs
- **Backup Collar with ID Tag and Harness or Leash** - have copies of your pet's registration information in a waterproof container and available electronically
- **Traveling Bag, Crate, or Sturdy Carrier** for each pet
- **Grooming Items** (pet shampoo and other items)
- **A Picture of You & Your Pet Together** - if you become separated from your pet, a picture will help you document ownership, and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet
- **Sanitation Needs** (pet litter and litter box, trash bags, etc.) for your pet's sanitation needs
- **Familiar Items** like toys, treats, or bedding to reduce stress for your pets

Stay Informed

Stay informed of current conditions and know how you will receive emergency alerts and warnings. Always bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm.



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