

Prepare your pet for a disaster in 6 easy steps



Planning for a disaster can vary depending on the situation — especially if you have pets. Regardless of the type of disaster, here are a few things to keep in mind to keep you and your pet safe.

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Create a Pet Emergency Kit

- Food and Water**
Stock up on at least a week's supply of food and water for each pet.
- Medications**
Compile a supply of any necessary medications with dosage instructions.
- Supplies**
Find bowls, a manual can opener (if needed), pet waste bags, litter for cats and extra pet tags.
- Comfort items**
Gather your favorite toys, blankets, or bedding to help reduce stress.

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Have Proper Identification

- FidoAlert tags**
Ensure pets wear collars with their FidoAlert or TabbyAlert tags for quick scanning.
- Microchipping**
Microchip pets and register the chip with current contact details.
- Photos and descriptions**
Keep recent photos and detailed descriptions of pets to give to others for easy identification if they get lost.

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Secure Your Home

- Safe zones**
Prepare safe areas within your home where pets can be confined during a disaster.
- Pet-proofing**
Secure heavy furniture and hazardous materials to prevent injuries to pets.
- Hiding spots**
Ensure pets have access to hiding spots where they can feel safe during stressful situations.

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Prepare for evacuation

- Evacuation plan**
Create and practice a pet-friendly evacuation plan, including routes and stops like shelters, hotels, or friends' homes.
- Carriers and leashes**
Have carriers, crates, or sturdy leashes ready for each pet for safe transport.
- Medical records**
Keep copies of vaccination records, medical history, and any special care instructions in a waterproof container.
- Veterinarian contacts**
Have contact info for your veterinarian and emergency veterinary clinics.

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Stay informed

- Emergency alerts**
Sign up for local emergency alerts and monitor weather reports or disaster updates.
- Local shelters**
Know the locations of pet-friendly shelters and resources in your area.
- Plan B**
Have a backup plan in case your primary evacuation route or destination is inaccessible.

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Communicate with your support network

- Emergency contacts**
Share your disaster plan with friends, family, and neighbors who can assist with pet care if needed.
- Pet sitters and boarding**
Arrange for someone to care for your pets if you aren't around during a disaster.
- Meeting spot**
Have a designated area to safely meet with friends and family after a disaster, especially if power and phone lines are down.