

Pet Emergency Supplies Kit



Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, particularly food and water. Consider two kits. In one, put everything you and your pet will need to stay where you are. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you and your pets have to get away. Plus, be sure to review your kits regularly to ensure that their contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh.

Food. Keep at least 5-7 days of food in an airtight, waterproof container. Make sure you have a food bowl, as well as a manual can opener, if your pet eats canned food.

Water. Store at least 5-7 days of water specifically for your pets, in addition to the water you need for yourself and your family. Remember a water bowl.

Medicines and medical records. Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container with copies of current vaccination and medical records.

Pet first aid kit. Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs. Include a pet first aid reference book.



Collar or harness with ID and license tags, and leash. Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies and license tags and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar, and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit. Place copies of your pet's adoption and/or registration paperwork in a waterproof container.

Consider microchipping your pet. Talk to your veterinarian about permanent identification, such as microchipping, and make sure the microchip is registered. Note your pet's microchip number on the medical records in your kit, so you have it on hand if you are separated.

Crate or pet carrier. If you need to evacuate in an emergency situation take your pets with you, whenever possible. In many cases, your ability to do so will be aided by having a sturdy, safe, comfortable crate or carrier ready for transporting your pet. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around, and lie down.



Sanitation. Include pet litter and litterbox, if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic bags, and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.

Grooming supplies. Try to include grooming supplies such as brushes, combs, nail clippers, and wet wipes, especially if you do this for your pet at home on a regular basis.

A picture of you and your pet together. If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow other to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color, and distinguishing characteristics.

Familiar items. Put favorite toys, bedding, or treats in your kit. Familiar items help reduce your pet's stress.

Specialty needs. Think about your pet's specific, special needs. If you have pets other than cats and dogs, they may have supplies not listed here that should be included to ensure their health and safety.

Remember to Prepare, Plan and Stay Informed! For more information on emergency planning for your family, including your pets, go to www.ready.gov.