

# Build A Kit: Pet Emergency Kit

Preparedness



- ☐ **Food and water for at least 7 to 10 days.**  
1 gallon per day for an animal the size of a large dog. Can opener for canned food. Special diet information.
- ☐ **Spare collar, current ID and leash.**
- ☐ **Pet carrier or crate.**  
Be sure your name and current phone number are marked on the pet carrier. Place veterinarian, kennel, vaccination records, etc., in waterproof plastic bag and tape it to the carrier.
- ☐ **Name and phone number of veterinarian.**
- ☐ **Copy of vaccination records.**
- ☐ **Current photo of you and your pet** in case you are separated.
- ☐ **Pet chip identification number.**
- ☐ **Name and phone of nearby kennels & animal shelters.**
- ☐ **Blanket, bed, and toys.**
- ☐ **Medications and stress/anxiety reducers.**
- ☐ **First aid kit.**
- ☐ **Bags for waste clean-up.**
- ☐ **Plastic litter box (if needed)** along with clumping cat litter.

## CUSTOMIZE YOUR KIT.

Each pet's kit should be customized to meet specific needs, such as medications and pet needs. List below your specific items to their kit:

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## HELPFUL HINTS:

- Include your pets in evacuation drills so that they become used to entering and traveling in their carriers calmly and safely.
- Consider having your pet "microchipped" by your veterinarian.
- If you have ample warning of an event, such as possible flooding or severe weather, be sure pets are brought inside.
- Learn what hotels and motels along your evacuation route will accept pets in an emergency. Call ahead for reservations and ask if no pet policies could be waived.
- Know which friends, relatives, boarding facilities, animal shelters or veterinarians can care for your animals in an emergency.
- If you must leave your pet in your home after a catastrophe, be sure to leave plenty of food and water. Automatic food dispensers work well. Plan to check on your pet regularly or have a neighbor help.
- If you are away from home when a catastrophe occurs, call a neighbor to check on your pet to make sure they are safe and secured inside.
- Mark your door or window with a pet decal or hand-made sign that alerts emergency personal to the fact that animals are in the house, and how many they should look for.
- After a catastrophe, leash your pet when going outside. Familiar scents and landmarks can be different and pets can get confused and lost.
- If your pet requires medication, be sure to include an extra supply in your pet kit.
- The general supply list should be sufficient for most cats and dogs. If you have other pets, consider their unique needs.