

In An Emergency, Take Your Pets!

THINK AHEAD. HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE

You may not be allowed to return to rescue pets left behind.

Make an Emergency Kit (see reverse)

- One kit per pet
- Keep near an exit for easy Grab-and-Go

Take Photos of Your Pet With You and/or Your Family

- Photos can prove ownership and reunite you with your pet
- Keep copies in wallet, disaster kit, and stored on phones
- Give copies to loved ones who live outside your area

Microchip Your Pet

- Most effective way to reunite pets with families
- Update microchip registration when you move, change phone numbers, or get a new emergency contact

Start a Buddy System

- Exchange keys and disaster plans with a someone who can evacuate your pets if you are not home during a disaster
- Keep your buddy current regarding your pet's information and your emergency contact info

Identify Evacuation Locations

- Identify shelters that will accommodate pets; consider pet-friendly hotels and family
- Store phone numbers and addresses in your disaster kit and on your phone
- PRACTICE loading and unloading pets into the carriers and your vehicle

When You Go - THEY Go!

Be prepared to protect your pets in an emergency.

Do not put your pets' lives, your life, or other rescuers' lives at risk

Learn more at: www.smartma.org or www.ready.gov 1-800-BE-READY



Pet Emergency Kit Checklist

1. Food & Water

- ☐ At least 3-5 day supply of food in airtight container
- ☐ Manual can opener for canned foods
- ☐ 3-5 day supply of water
- ☐ Food and water bowls
- ☐ Feeding instructions

2. Medications & Medical Records

- ☐ Keep extra supply of medicines in waterproof container
- ☐ 3-5 day supply of medication (if applicable)
- ☐ Medication instructions (if applicable)

3. Documents

- ☐ Copies of registration information
- ☐ Adoption papers
- ☐ Vaccination documents
- ☐ Medical records
- ☐ Keep all records in a waterproof container/bag
- ☐ Recent photo of you and your pet
- ☐ Description of your pet (ex: breed, sex, color, weight)
- ☐ Microchip information
- ☐ Your contact information (and that of your pet's emergency buddy)

4. Collar with ID tag, harness/leash

- ☐ Should wear rabies tag and ID tag at all times
- ☐ Include back-up collar, leash, and ID tag

5. Crate/Carrier

- ☐ Large enough for pet to stand, turn around, lay down
- ☐ Blankets and towels for bedding

6. Sanitation

- ☐ Newspapers
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Litter, litterbox, and scoop (if applicable)
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Household chlorine bleach, disinfectant

7. Familiar items – to reduce stress

- ☐ Toys
- ☐ Treats
- ☐ Bedding

8. Pet first aid book and kit

- ☐ Ask your vet what items would be appropriate, such as: bandage rolls, tape, scissors, antibiotic ointment, flea/tick prevention, gloves, isopropyl alcohol, saline solution

