

# Disaster Preparedness Checklist For Pet Safety

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- Food & Water**  
At least 3 days worth in airtight containers for each pet, plus bowls and a manual can opener
- Medications**  
Several days worth in a childproof container, clearly labeled with name, dose and strength
- Shelter**  
List of local boarding facilities, hotels/motels or nearby friends or family who will allow you to stay with your pet or even take care of your pet during an emergency
- Carrier**  
Lightweight crate or carrier to ease transportation and keep pet from bolting
- Leash**  
Leash and collar or harness with current ID information (address, phone and email address, microchip number) securely attached
- Comfort Items**  
Pets frequently are frightened during disasters, and a familiar toy or bedding can be comforting
- Sanitation**  
Include litter or newspapers as well as litter box for cats plus a stash of plastic bags to clean up after pets
- Pet First Aid**  
Kits are easy to assemble using the [items suggested by the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#); they can also be purchased online or at pet-supply stores
- Crucial Information**
  - ✓ Your veterinarian's name, office name and phone number
  - ✓ Phone number and address of local animal control, boarding facilities, local veterinary emergency clinics and the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888.426.4435)
  - ✓ Copy of pet's medical record, rabies registration, and a current picture
  - ✓ Copy of pet's microchip number and name & phone number of company it's registered with

**Note:** While much of this information may be kept on your phone or portable computer, keeping a paper copy in a waterproof bag is advisable. Also consider having a way to recharge electronic devices in case power is out.



- Action Plan**  
Agree with family or roommates where to meet if you're not together when disaster strikes, and make sure everyone knows where emergency supplies are located