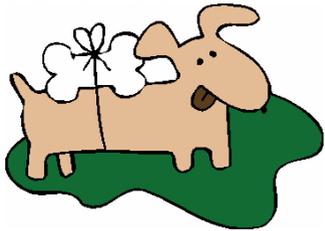


## Get Your Pet Ready

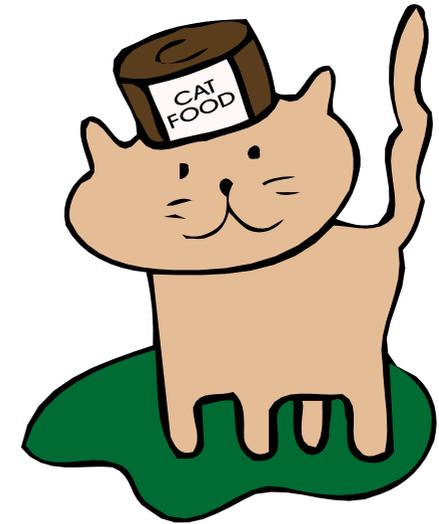
- Prepare a portable disaster kit for your pet.
- Familiarize your pet with your kit's carrier or cage **before** an emergency.
- For health and safety reasons, pets are not allowed in shelters for people (other than service animals for the disabled). Few communities have the resources to house pets with their owners.



- If staying with your pet is important to you, identify a list of places you can go together, such as pet-friendly hotels or the home of a friend/relative. Some hotels will lift “no pet” policies in emergencies. Be sure to call ahead to reserve space.
- Compile a list of places where you can leave your pet with confidence, such as a kennel or friend, if you must be separated.
- If a situation warrants evacuation, move your pet early, if possible.

## Staying Behind Safely

- If you must evacuate without your animal, bring your pet inside to a place you can leave it. Avoid windows. Consider easy-to-clean spaces like bathrooms or utility rooms. Keep cats and dogs separately, even if they normally get along.
- Do **not** leave pets tied outdoors.
- Leave only dry foods and fresh water in non spill containers. If possible, leave a faucet dripping into a large container or partially fill a bathtub with water.
- Do not leave vitamin treats, which can be fatal if over-eaten.
- Start a neighborhood “buddy system” to check on one another’s pets. Exchange information and file a permission slip with your veterinarian authorizing your “buddy” to get emergency treatment for your pet.
- If your pet is lost, contact local boarding shelters, kennels, humane shelters and veterinary hospitals.



## Keep Your Pet's Paperwork Here

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Current photo
- Vaccination and medical records
- Written special care and feeding instructions
- Microchip number:

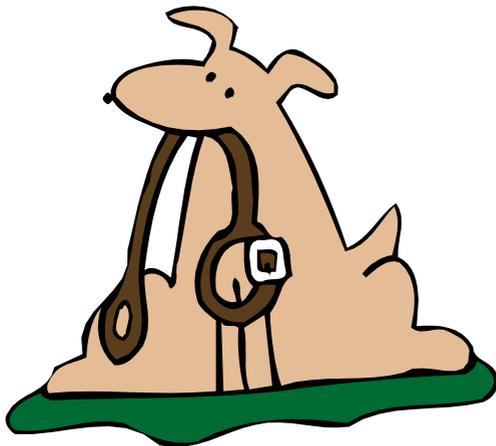
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## Get Your Pet Ready

- Keep pet's vaccinations current
- Reliable identification on each pet
  - Microchip
  - Collar with integrated identification (no dangling tags)
- Leash or harness with collar
- Pet carrier or cage for each pet
- Two-week supply of food and water
- Can opener (for canned foods)
- Nonspill food, water bowls
- Towels or blankets for bedding
- Toys and treats
- Cat litter, shoebox-sized litterpan
- Plastic trash bags for waste clean up
- Current photos of each pet
- Medications and dosing instructions
- Vaccination and medical records
- Emergency phone list
  - Pet-friendly hotel(s) outside the area
  - Pet-friendly friends, relatives



## Emergency Contacts

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Animal Shelter: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet-Friendly Hotel: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet-Loving Friend/Relative: \_\_\_\_\_

# Ready Pet Gö

## A Pet Owner's Guide to Disaster Preparedness

During a disaster, sometimes staying put is the safest place for you and your pet. Sometimes evacuation is necessary. Planning before an emergency happens can lessen the stress on you and your animals.



**A little advance planning  
could save your pet's life.**

