

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POINTER



Prepare for your Pets

Pet Emergency Plan

Many public shelters and hotels will not allow pets inside their facilities, even during times of emergency, due to concerns of public health, hygiene, safety, and lack of accommodations. Because of this, it is important to plan what you are going to do with your pets before an emergency occurs.

The following should be considered when planning for your pets:

- Plan with relatives, friends, and trusted neighbors who would be willing to allow your family and pets to shelter at their residence during an emergency or who would at least be willing to take care of your pets while you cannot.
- Contact local animal shelters, veterinary clinics, and boarding kennels to see if they take pets during emergencies or if they know of locations that do.
- Contact hotels outside your immediate area to see if they would allow pets during an emergency.



Pet Emergency Kit

Much like an emergency kit you would assemble for yourself, make sure to assemble one for your pet as well with necessities that will last at least 72-96 hours. Items to consider putting in a pet emergency kit may include:

- Food
- Water
- Food/Water bowls
- Can opener
- Grooming items (shampoo, brush, nail clippers, etc.)
- Sanitation needs (pet litter, newspapers, trash bags, etc.)
- Familiar items (toys, treats, bedding, etc.)
- Recent picture of you and your pet together
- Vaccination records
- Medicine
- First aid kit
- Collar with ID tag / Leash
- Traveling bag, crate, or carrier

For more information, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/pets>

