

Emergency Preparedness for **Pets**



Is your family prepared for a major emergency, evacuation or natural disaster? How about your pets?

Pets are an important and loving part of your household. Like family members, pets are also affected by emergencies. When building your family emergency plan, don't forget to include your pet's needs and remember to create a pet emergency survival kit, just as you would other members of your family.

Your pet is a domesticated animal and therefore lacks the survival instincts that wild animals have. Making arrangements before an emergency will increase your pet's chances for survival and ability to cope.

**Create a pet emergency survival kit (Grab n' Go Bag).
Keep your pet's kit with your family's emergency survival kit for quick and easy access.**

Some items to include:

- 72 hour food and water supply, including bowls and a can opener
- Pet carrier to allow for easy transport
- Toys, leash, muzzle, harness
- Litter pan, litter, plastic bags and scooper
- Towel/blanket with your smell on it
- Basic pet first aid kit
- Any medication that your pet may need
- Current vaccination records along with a photo of your pet(s)
- Flashlight
- Remember to pack poop bags!



Store your Grab n' Go Bag in the pet crate. Check the kit twice a year to ensure freshness of food, water, and medication, and to restock any supplies you may have "borrowed" from it.

Your pet should be wearing up-to-date identification at all times. This includes adding your cell phone number to your current information with CRD Animal Care Services. It may also be a good idea to include the phone number of a friend or relative outside your immediate area. If your pet is lost, you'll want to provide a number on the tag that will be answered even if you're out of your home.

If you must leave your pet behind, put your pet in a secure room without windows but with ventilation (ie bathroom), leave enough food to last 7 days and fill up the sink and bathtub with water. Do not to confine cats and dogs in the same space and cage all small animals and birds. Leave familiar bedding and safe toys that the pet is used to and ensure your pet is wearing up to date identification. Place a notice on your front door that there are pets in the house and where they are located which includes how/where you can be contacted.

Remember, you are ultimately responsible for the well-being of your pet in an emergency. You now have the tools and resources to assist you in meeting this responsibility. Your pet will thank you for it and one day just might save your life in return!



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