

## Safety

# What To Include in Your Pet Preparedness Plan



It's important to have a pet preparedness plan in place in the event of a crisis or emergency. Consider the following steps when preparing your plan:

- Designate a close family member or friend to care for your pets in the event you are unable to.
- Keep your pets up-to-date on their vaccinations and have copies of their health records in a safe place in your home.
- Microchip your pet and ensure contact information is current. Pets should also always wear a collar with a proper ID tag.
- Create a pet preparedness kit.

## Pet Preparedness Kit

There are many things that can be added to your preparedness kit to ensure you and your pets are prepared for any crisis, including quarantining and natural disasters. Print your preparedness kit [checklist](#) from the CDC to get started. As always, if you have questions or need assistance with your preparedness kit, reach out to your veterinarian as they can offer helpful advice and guidance.

## Documents

- Your contact information
  - Photocopied veterinary records including:
    - Rabies certificate
    - Vaccinations
    - Medical summary
    - Prescriptions for medications
    - Most recent heartworm test result (dogs)
    - Most recent FeLV/FIV test result (cats)
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- Photocopied registration information (ex: proof of ownership or adoption records)
- Pet descriptions (ex. breed, sex, color, weight)
- Recent photographs of each of your pets
- Waterproof container for documents
- Microchip information (ex: microchip number, name and number of the microchip company)
- Pet boarding instructions

### **Food & Water**

- Two-week supply of food for each animal
- Two-week supply of water for each animal
- Non-spill food and water dishes
- Manual can opener
- Feeding instructions for each animal

### **Medications**

- 2-week supply of any needed medications
- 1-month supply of flea, tick, and heartworm preventative
- Medication instructions

### **Other Supplies**

- Leash, collar with ID, and harness
- Litter and litterbox (cats)
- Toys
- Appropriate-sized pet carrier with bedding, blanket, or towel
- Pet first aid book and [first aid kit](#) including gauze, bandages, thermometer, etc.
- Cleaning supplies for accidents (paper towels, plastic bags, disinfectant)

A preparedness plan will help you and your pets remain calm and eliminate unnecessary stress. Remember, the simple act of petting and snuggling can reduce anxiety for both people and pets in the midst of an evolving crisis.

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