



The single most important thing you can do to protect your pet is to take them with you if you evacuate!



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# **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**



**DO YOU HAVE A PLAN  
FOR YOUR PETS?**

## Create a Written Plan

Schedule a household meeting to discuss escape routes, location of supplies, and who will be in charge of each animal in an evacuation situation. Pre-arrange evacuation destinations for you and your animals. Write down emergency contact numbers and an out-of-area contact number. Keep with your emergency supplies



## Ready Your Supplies

Have carriers for each animal, labeled in advance with name, address and emergency numbers. Carriers should be large enough for pets to stand up, lie down and turn around comfortably. Apply a pet rescue sticker on each entry to your home in case you're not home at time of crisis.

## Supplies Checklist

- Carrier or crate (one per animal labeled with name and info)
- Leash, harness and muzzle if needed
- 1-2 week supply of food in waterproof container
- 1-2 week supply of bottled water
- Food and water bowls
- Sanitation supplies (waste bags, wipes, litter, litterbox)
- 1-2 week supply of medications labeled with dosage
- Copy of vet records, license, rabies certificate
- Current photo of animal with guardian
- Animal description information including microchip #
- Pet first aid-kit
- Towels/blanket or bed
- Toys, grooming items



## When Disaster Threatens

Stick to your plan! Bring animals indoors. Make sure all pets are wearing visible and up to date identification as well as ensure all pets microchip information is updated.



## Sheltering in Place

Keep pets under your direct supervision. Stay with your pets to provide comfort and reassurance.



## Evacuating

Take your pets with you! Keep dogs securely leashed when out of carriers. Use a harness and leash on cats.



## After the Disaster

Inspect your home and yard for dangers before allowing your pets in. Walk dogs on a leash and let cats become re-oriented room by room. Be patient: confusion and abnormal behavior is common.