



Shelter in Place with Your Pet

If you are like millions of animal owners, your pet is an important member of your family. The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency in the future depends largely on emergency planning done today.

Some of the things you can do to prepare for an unexpected event, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and having the proper documents safely stored, are the same for any emergency. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets.

Be prepared to make it on your own for at least three days .

Make sure your pet's license and microchip information is up-to-date.

Find a room in your house that is safe. The bathroom is usually preferred. The tub offers you access to water (if it is still uncontaminated).

Get a pet emergency supply kit that includes:

- Food. Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container or in pop-top cans. If your pet has special food requirements, make sure you have a can opener
- Water. Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets
- Medicines and medical records.

Create a first aid kit for your pet:

- cotton bandage rolls
- bandage tape
- scissors
- antibiotic ointment
- flea and tick prevention
- latex gloves
- isopropyl alcohol
- saline solution
- pet first aid reference book

Sanitation:

- cat litter and litter box
- paper towels
- plastic trash bags or poop bags
- household chlorine bleach

Just for fun:

- favorite toys
- treats
- bedding
- small scratching post

In case you need to evacuate:

- crate or other pet carrier
- rabies certificate in case you need to board your pet
- a picture of you and your pet together in case you need it for missing pet posters or identification

