

First Aid Kit for Cats and Dogs

- Tweezers
- Instant cold pack
- Antiseptic wipes
- Emollient cream
- Conforming bandages 3" x 5" – at least 15 to 20
- Absorbent gauze pads 4" x 4" – at least 15 to 20
- Non-adherent absorbent dressing
- Zinc oxide tape 3/4" x 1 yd
- Scissors
- Latex gloves
- Q-tips
- Gauze Roll 3" x 1 yd
- Self-cling bandages
- Hydrogen peroxide (to induce vomiting – only under the instruction of a veterinarian)
- Foil emergency blanket
- Rectal thermometer and petroleum jelly for lubrication
- Credit card to remove stingers
- Muzzle (don't use if pet is vomiting, coughing, choking or otherwise having trouble breathing)
- Pet First Aid Book
- Phone numbers of your veterinarian, the nearest emergency vet clinic (along with directions)
- Nylon leash
- A pillow case to confine you cat for treatment
- A pet carrier

Store all items in a watertight container

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Is your ENTIRE
family ready for
a disaster...?

...NO?

*It's time to
make a plan!*



Prepare your Family Disaster Kit to Include your Pet!

- **Food and water for at least 5 days** for each pet, bowls and a manual can opener if needed. People need at least one gallon of water per person per day. While you pet may not need that much, keep extra on hand if your pet has been exposed to contaminants and needs to be rinsed.
- **Medication and medical records** stored in a waterproof container and a first aid kit and pet first aid book.
- **Cat litter box, litter scoop, garbage bags, and disposable gloves** to collect all pet waste.
- **Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers** to transport pets safely and to ensure your pets can't escape. Ideally, carriers should be large enough so your pet can stand, turn around and lie down as he/she may have to stay in the carrier for hours at a time.
- **Current photos of you with your pets and their descriptions** to help others identify them in case you and your pets become separated and to prove they are yours once you're reunited.
- **Pet bed and toys.** If you can easily take them, for comfort and to reduce stress.
- **Written information about feeding schedules, medical conditions, behaviors and routines along with the name and number of your veterinarian** in case you have to board your pets or place them in foster care.

Identification is Critical!

- **Make sure that your cat or dog is wearing a collar and identification tag** that is up to date and visible at all times.
- **You'll increase your chances of being reunited with a lost pet by having him or her microchipped.** If your pet is adopted from a shelter or rescue organization, check to see that the registration has been transferred to you and is not still with the adoption group.
- **Put your cell phone number on your pet's tag.** It is also a good idea to put the phone number of a friend or relative outside your immediate area – in case you have to evacuate.

One more tool in the ID tool bag for dogs – Finding Rover!

Here's how it works:

Go to findingrover.com to register for free using iPhone, Android, or on the web.

Then, follow these three easy steps:

1. Take a front-facing photo of your dog.
2. Mark the eyes and nose on the photo.
3. Verify the photo. Finding Rover's facial recognition systems scans your dog's unique features and keeps them on file.

When you notify Finding Rover your dog is lost they alert local dog organizations, nearby members, and social media outlets.

Evacuation and Shelter Planning

Find a safe place ahead of time – never assume that you will be allowed to bring you pet to an emergency shelter.

Before a disaster call you local Office of Emergency Management to ask if you will be allowed to evacuate to a shelter with your pets. And, just to be safe, track down a pet-friendly safe place for your family and pets. Some options are:

- **Pet friendly hotels or motels.** Ask about any restrictions on number, size, and species and if a "no pet" policy would be waived in an emergency.
- **Make arrangements with friends or relatives.** Ask people outside your immediate area if they could shelter your pets.
- **Consider a kennel or veterinarian's office.** Make a list of facilities that may be able to help.

If you evacuate, take your pets! If it is not safe for you to stay in the disaster area it is not safe for your pet.

Don't wait for a mandatory evacuation order. An unnecessary trip is far better than waiting too long to leave safely with your pets. If you wait to be evacuated by emergency officials, you may be told to leave your pets behind.

Evacuate to the safest location you can that's as close as possible to home. Long-distance evacuation can be a problem when highways are crowded.