

Disaster Preparedness Checklist for Pet Safety



Action Plan

Agree with family or roommates where to meet if you're not together when disaster strikes, and make sure everyone knows where emergency supplies are located. If you own a horse, team up with other horse owners to pool your resources, including sharing trailer space and hay.



Shelter

List of local pet-boarding facilities, lodgings or nearby friends or family who will allow you to stay with your pet or will take care of your pet. This list should include evacuation circumstances that would take you out of your hometown or city.



Sanitation

Plastic bags to clean up after pets, plus litter or newspapers as well as a litter box for cats. Pet owners should have masks, gloves and hand sanitizer.



Carrier

Lightweight crate or carrier to ease transportation and keep your pet from bolting. Include battery-operated fans to keep pets cool.



Comfort Items

Familiar toy or bedding to comfort your pet. If you own a horse and lose power in your barn while temperatures are high, familiarize yourself with ways to keep your horses cool.



Medications

At least 7-10 days' worth in a childproof container, clearly labeled with name, dose and strength.



Food & Water

At least 7-10 days' worth for each pet in airtight containers, plus bowls and a manual can opener.



Photo

Have a photo of you and your animals as evidence of ownership, in case you become separated.



Pet First Aid Kit

Kits are easy to assemble, and most items can be purchased from a drugstore.



Leash

Leash and collar or harness with current ID tag: address, phone, email address, microchip number.

Crucial Information:

Veterinarian's name, office name and phone.

Phone and address of local animal control, boarding facilities, veterinary emergency clinics and the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888) 426-4435.

Copy of pet's medical records, rabies registration and a current photo.

Copy of pet's microchip number and name/ phone number of registration company.

For horses, include a copy of their current Coggins test.

Keep a paper copy of this information in a waterproof bag, as well as on your phone or portable computer. Consider having a portable charger for electronic devices in case power is out.

Helpful tips to keep your pets safe

-If evacuation is expected, secure your kitties in a small room that makes it easy to grab them in a hurry without having to search for them.

-Always have a carrier handy

-Never let them ride loose in the car