

Get ready!

Get your pet ready before it's too late. Follow these steps to get your pet disaster ready:

1. **Build a Kit** – Gather supplies for your pet and store them in a portable container that is easy to manage, like a plastic bin or duffle bag.
2. **Make a Plan** – Designate a local emergency contact who can care for your pet if you can't take them with you, or identify a safe place for them to stay locally like a shelter or clinic. Identify an out-of-town contact who can house your pet temporarily.
3. **Stay Informed** – If a disaster occurs, be prepared to set your emergency plan in motion.

Your Pet Kit should have:

- 3–7 days worth of pet food
- Disposable litter trays and kitty litter scoop (aluminum roasting pans work, too)
- Leash, spare collar or harness, and extra ID tags with current information (your pet should wear a collar with rabies and identification tags at all times)
- Reflective dog tag, vest, or battery-operated clip-on flashing light in case you are in the dark
- Supply of water (1 gallon, per pet, per day for at least 3 days)
- Feeding dishes
- Treats
- Blanket or pet bed
- Old towel
- Toy, chewy bone, or comfort item
- Muzzle – even the nicest pet can bite in response to fear or anxiety
- A traveling bag, crate, or sturdy carrier for each pet
- Disinfectant spray
- Disposable gloves
- Disposable bags for clean-up



Your pet first aid kit should have:

- Gauze pads
- Bandages – self-clinging Vet Wrap sticks to itself, not to fur
- Adhesive first aid tape
- Tweezers
- Towel
- Disposable gloves
- Flashlight or penlight
- Sterile saline solution
- Blunt tipped scissors
- Styptic powder or pencil
- Antiseptic spray
- Antibiotic ointment
- Antihistamine – check with your veterinarian for correct dosage
- A supply of any medicine your pet requires



Important phone numbers:

- Pet friendly hotels or motels
- Veterinarian
- After-hours emergency veterinarian
- **ASCPA Poison Control Center 1-888-426-4435**

No pets allowed!

Due to health and safety concerns, most shelters do not allow pets unless they are certified service animals. Have a plan for what to do if you can't take your pet with you.

- Designate a neighbor or out-of-town family member who is willing to look after your pet temporarily.
- Call your vet to see if they can recommend a boarding facility or shelter that would temporarily house your pet.
- Have your Pet Emergency Kit packed and ready so it is easy to grab during an emergency.