

Preparing a Pet Disaster Kit

Natural disasters such as hurricanes and floods, as well as unforeseen man-made disasters like chemical spills, can close off a residential area in short order. The key is to be prepared as best as you can and it only takes a small amount of preparation.

You should be able to pass the “five-minute preparedness test,” meaning in five minutes or fewer, you should be able to get your pets and their emergency kit out of your home.

A Pet Disaster Kit Should Include:

- A copy of your Emergency Disaster Plan
- Pet first-aid kit and book
- Road maps and street guides
- Photocopies of medical records
- Recent photos of your pets
- Pet medication
- A separate carrier for each pet
- Pet feeding dishes
- Pet food – Be sure canned food has a pop-top
- Bottled water – a week supply for each pet
- Extra leashes, collars and harnesses
- Dog stake or cables
- Muzzles
- Gloves – heavy gloves and disposable rubber gloves
- Small or disposable litter boxes
- Kitty litter – scoopable is most convenient
- Disposable garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Liquid soap, disinfectant and bleach
- Blankets and towels
- Flashlight
- Portable radio
- Extra batteries
- Scissors
- Pocket knife
- Pillowcase or Evac Sack
- Pet toys
- Pet treats

