Pet Essential Disaster-Preparedness Kit

How to keep pets safe in natural disasters like hurricane and everyday emergencies. Remember—if it's not safe for you, it's not safe for your pets.



Basic disaster kit includes:

- ◯ Food and water for at least five days for each pet, bowls and a manual can opener if you are packing canned pet food.
- ◯ Medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container and a first-aid kit. A pet first-aid book is also a good idea.
- ◯ Litter box, litter, litter scoop and garbage bags to collect all your pets' waste.
- ◯ Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pets can't escape.
- ◯ Make sure that your cat or dog is wearing a collar and identification that is up to date and visible at all times.
- ◯ Carriers should be large enough to allow your pet to stand comfortably, turn around and lie down. (Your pet may have to stay in the carrier for hours at a time.)
- ◯ Be sure to have a secure cage with no loose objects inside it to accommodate smaller pets—who may also need blankets or towels for bedding and warmth as well as special items, depending on their speci
- ◯ Current photos of you with your pets and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them in case you and your pets become separated—and to prove that they are yours once you're reunited.
- ◯ Written information about your pets' feeding schedules, medical conditions and behavior issues along with the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets or place them in

Other useful items include:

- ◯ Newspapers
- ◯ Paper towels
- ◯ Plastic trash bags

- [ ] Grooming items
- [ ] Household bleach

More details:

- [ ] The Humane Society of the United States
http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/pet_disaster_preparedness_animal_shelter.html?referrer_id=1342438

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