

# TIPS

## 1 Create a “Buddy System”

You may not be home when disaster strikes. Create a buddy system with trusted friends and family to evacuate your pets if you can't get home to do so. Establish a meeting place and emergency contacts in case you lose phone service. Provide this trusted friend a key to your home.

## 2 Pet-Friendly Lodging

Ask relatives and friends NOW if they can accommodate you and your pets if you must evacuate. Look up Pet-Friendly hotels/motels NOW and keep their phone numbers in your wallet or purse. Evacuation shelters should be your last resort.

## 3 Know Your Local Agencies

Get to know your local emergency response agencies and animal care & control organizations. Ask them about disaster planning for pets. Post their phone numbers in your home and keep them in your evacuation kit.

## 4 Pets Inside Stickers

Place **Pets Inside** stickers on your front and back door. List the number and types of pets in the house. Post an emergency number where you, your buddy, or a relative can be reached in case of emergency.

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# Emergency Contacts

**911** ( Fire, EMS, Police, Emergency Management)

Veterinarian

Emergency Vet Hospital

Pet Poison Control (888) 426-4435

Animal Control

Animal Shelter

Humane Society/SPCA

Buddies

Pet Sitter

Other

County Animal Response Team

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for a Disaster ?

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# Pet Evacuation Kit

If you evacuate, bring the basics:

- **Food** - Keep a 3 day supply of your pets' food in an airtight container. Replace every two months.
- **Water** - Keep a 3 day supply of water for your pets' in a cool dark place. Replace every two months.
- **Medication and Vitamins** - Be sure to keep an extra supply of your pet's medication in your kit. Replace when expired.
- **Identification and Important Records** - Store pictures of you and your pet together, pet vaccination records, pet registry and license information in a zip lock bag. Keep in your evacuation kit.



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- **Cages, Carriers, Leashes & Collars** - Pets should always wear identification, be sure to pack an extra leash and harness for your pet with identification and emergency contact information attached. Harnesses are recommended over collars for safety and security. Cages and carriers may also make your evacuation easier and safer; and most likely required where you seek shelter.
- **Cleaning Supplies** - Store a liter of chlorine bleach, dish soap, paper towels, and garbage bags in your kit. Plain chlorine bleach can be used as a disinfectant (1 part bleach to 10 parts water) and as a water purifier (16 drops of bleach to 1 gallon of water). Do not use scented bleach or bleach with other detergent additives.



# Additional Supplies

- **Pet First Aid Kit** - Consult your veterinarian for a list of supplies
- **Dishes & Bottles** - For food and water
- **Bedding and Cage Liner**
- **Comfort Items** - Favorite toys, blanket

## Dogs

- **Muzzle** - Even the nicest dogs can bite when under stress and scared

## Cats

- **Litter & Litter Box** - Scoopable litter and small box
- **Harness & Leash**
- **Heat Source** - Hot water bottle or heat rock

## Soaking Dish

- **Evac Sack** - Sack or pillow case

## Small Pets

- **Hiding place** - Box, tube, pillow case or cage covering

## Birds

- **Cuttle Bone**
- **Catch Net**
- **Cage Cover**

