



Build a Kit: Pet Emergency Supplies



Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, consider the basics for survival – particularly food and water.

→ Food/water

- Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.
- Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets, in addition to water you need for yourself and your family.

→ Medicine/first aid

- Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.
- First aid kit: Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs. Most kits should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Include a pet first aid reference book.
- Veterinarian's contact information

→ Cleaning

- Waste removal bags
- Puppy pads or newspapers
- Paper towels
- Disinfectant spray
- Old towels and bedding
- Pet litter and litter box, if appropriate

→ General

- Familiar items such as favorite toys, treats or bedding to help reduce stress for your pet.
- Extra collar with ID tag, harness or leash: Your pet should always wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification. Include a back-up of these items in this kit.
- Important documents: Place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container.
- Pet crate/pet carrier
- A picture of you and your pet together: If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.



Consider two kits. In one, put everything your pets will need to stay where you are and make it on your own. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you and your pets must leave quickly.

See other tips on how to be prepared and how to make an emergency plan at www.phoenix.gov/emergency.