



# Checklist to Prepare for an Emergency Evacuation

In an emergency, you may have little time to gather possessions. Preparing a pet evacuation plan in advance will help you get what you need for your pet in a hurry.

## Make a Plan



- Not all shelters will take pets. Make a list of dog-friendly hotels/motels along your evacuation route. Call ahead to make reservations if possible.
- Ensure both your pet's identification, and their vaccination status, is up to date. Consider microchipping. Keep current photos of you with your pet(s) in case they get lost.
- Make a list (with phone numbers) of friends, relatives, neighbors, boarding facilities, animal shelters or veterinarians who can care for your animals.
- Designate specific locations, one in your neighborhood and another farther away, where you will meet in an emergency.

## Have an Evacuation Kit



Include:

- Food and water (enough for at least 3 days), bowls, and can-opener.
- Medicines that have to be taken regularly.
- Information on feeding schedules, medicine regimes, and behavior problems.
- First aid kit (include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape, scissors, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention, latex gloves, Isopropyl alcohol and saline solution).
- Back-up leash, collar & harness, poop bags, and grooming items.
- Keep paper copies of your pet's health records (with the name and number of your veterinarian) in a waterproof container and store digital copies online. Include information on feeding schedules and behavior problems.
- Store in an easy-to-access location and check regularly to ensure everything is safe to use.

## Crate Train



- Traveling with your pet is safer when you use a carrier/crate. Take the time to ensure your pet is comfortable in its travel kennel before an emergency.
- Store in a convenient location with a few toys, a towel and/or blanket, and maybe some calming supplements to help reduce stress.

## Take care of your pet's physical & emotional health



- Be aware of potential hazards at nose and paw level.
- Monitor your dog's behavior. Not only can they become disoriented but they also may become more fearful and/or aggressive under stress. Keep them under your direct control.