



Animal Disaster Preparedness QUICK Reference

How to prepare your pets in case of disaster

BEFORE

Planning:

- Natural disasters include: floods, earthquakes, wild-fires, or tornadoes.
- Other disasters include: gas leaks, train derailment, chemical spills, and intentional acts of destruction.

Prepare for disaster:

- Make sure you supplies are well stocked.
- Bring pets indoors where you can reach them easily.
- Check evacuation routes and confirm shelter arrangements.
- Move livestock to higher ground. Do not leave them in an enclosed building and make sure a trailer is available in the event of evacuation.
- Remove items from barnyards or pastures that could become airborne.

AFTER

Assess home and pets:

- Keep pets safely confined.
- Check home & property for damage.
- Make sure your fencing is intact and all animals are accounted for.

Post-Traumatic Stress:

Disruption of regular routines is stressful for pets as well as people. You may notice behavior changes, loss of appetite, or other signs of stress.

DURING

If you evacuate:

- Take all your pets
- Make sure pets are safely contained
- All pets must wear identification
- Take your emergency supplies—including water
- Livestock that hasn't been evacuated should be left loose in pastures, not confined in buildings. Post your emergency contact information—wrapped in plastic—at each entrance.
- Allow plenty of time to trailer livestock and horses out of evacuation zones.

If you are outside the evacuation zone and decide to shelter in place:

- Take all your pets
- Make sure pets are safely contained
- All pets must wear identification

If you are not home:

Pre-planning is the key. Make arrangements with a neighbor or family member in case something happens when you're not home. Provide a list and location of your disaster supplies, have a set location to meet, and provide a key to your home and name of veterinarian contact. Your pet should be familiar with them.

Disaster Checklist:

- Pet I.D. tags
- Leash, harness, muzzle (for large dogs)
- Pet carrier
- Write name and phone number on all pet items
- Three day supply of food/water, plus feeding bowls
- Towels, blankets, newspaper and trash bags
- First aid kit and pet medications
- Veterinarians contact information
- Water tight container for medical records, medications and current photo of pet
- List of emergency phone numbers of a relative or alternate care-taker and someone who lives outside of the area