

December: Pet Emergency Supplies & Traveling Kits

TASK: The best thing you can do for yourself and your pet(s) is to be prepared. Use the suggested list below to create an emergency supply kit for your pet(s). The following page provides a sample of a sign to place in your window that alerts rescuers that animals reside in your home and need saving, too!

- 3-7 days' worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
- Litter or paper toweling
- Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
- Disposable garbage bags for clean-up
- Pet feeding dishes
- Extra harness, leash, and yard stake
- Photocopies of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet needs
- Bottled water, at least 72 hour supply for each pet
- A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet
- Blanket (for scooping up a fearful pet)
- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated)
- Toys

TIP: It is important to keep your pets ID tags up-to-date. Consider listing two telephone numbers: 1) your cell phone and 2) the telephone number of a friend or family member outside of your city. If your pet is recovered and telephone service is down in your area, it provides an alternate location for your pet to be cared for until you can be reconnected. You may also consider getting your pet micro-chipped.

Identify a friend or family member who can care for your pet, preferably outside of your neighborhood.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (1): _____

Phone (2): _____

Have fun creating a sign of your own, or go to the ASPCA website to receive a free pet safety pack that includes this 'Animals Inside!' sticker. Something as simple as a sign in the window will let people know that pets are inside your home. Make sure it is visible to rescue workers, and that it includes 1) the types and number of pets in your household; 2) the name of your veterinarian; and 3) your veterinarian's phone number. If you must evacuate with your pets, and if time allows, write "EVACUATED" across the stickers.

Free Pet Safety Pack
<http://www.asPCA.org>