

# BE READY TO HELP YOUR PET DURING A DISASTER.

Pets enrich our lives with their love and companionship. In return, we provide for their safety and well-being. Follow these tips to make sure you can protect your pets when disaster strikes.



## Have a Safe Place to Take Your Pets

Many shelters cannot accept pets because of state health regulations. Find pet-friendly hotels along your evacuation route and keep a list with their names, addresses and phone numbers in your Ready kit. Call ahead for reservations, if you can. You also could arrange for care with family, friends, boarding kennels or veterinary clinics. (Remember, most boarding kennels require proof of current vaccinations.)



## Make a Plan

Make an emergency plan for your pets. If you must evacuate, it is important to take them with you. If you leave your pets behind, they may be lost, injured or worse. Never leave a pet chained outdoors. Create a buddy system in case you are not home during an emergency. Ask a trusted neighbor to check on your animals. Have your pet microchipped and make sure to keep your contact information current. Also list an emergency contact outside your immediate area.



## Build a Pet Ready Kit

Include basic items such as a three-day supply of food, water, medication and important documents like rabies vaccination forms. Depending on what type of pet you have, you may want to include a crate, an extra collar with an ID tag, an extra harness or leash and familiar items such as a favorite toy or bed to reduce stress.

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