


Prepare *today* for disasters, because Pets are Family, Too!™



Pets America is a nonprofit organization that works with veterinarians nationwide to save the lives of pets *and the people who love them* during disasters.

Through Pet First Aid & Disaster Response Workshops, Pets America teaches pet owners to care for their animals before, during, and after an emergency.

**Use the tips on the back of this card
to prepare NOW for disasters!**

To learn more about Pets America's **NEW Pet First Aid & Disaster Response Guide**, disaster preparedness workbook, and programs, visit www.PetsAmerica.org.

Five things you can do to keep your pets safe:

Learn pet first aid. The *Pet First Aid & Disaster Response Guide* and calendar of workshops are available online.

Identify your pets. Make sure your pets wear up-to-date tags and talk to your veterinarian about a microchip.

Sponsor your local Fire/EMS department and provide special pet oxygen masks (from Pets America) to help rescue pets injured in fires.

Volunteer in your community to help ensure pets are included in emergency management plans.

Donate to Pets America. Your tax-deductible donations in any amount help support education, disaster preparedness, and relief programs!

Your veterinarian cares!

Create your Personal Disaster Plan

It's essential that you make a disaster plan for your entire family, including pets. These questions will jumpstart your planning process:

- What disasters are likely in my area?
- What supplies will I need?
- Are there friends, family members or neighbors I can count on to help me with my pets?
- In the event of an evacuation, where will I go with my pets?
- What are the best evacuation routes?
- What will happen if I'm not home when an emergency arises?
- Can my pet be identified if we're separated? (Consider a microchip and make sure all ID tags and registrations are up to date.)

Pack your Pet's Disaster Kit

Your pet's disaster kit must contain the essentials, which may vary, depending upon whether your best friend is a dog, cat, gecko, or mouse. But there are a few things that are relatively common to all animals. It's up to you to make sure you have the supplies on hand to keep your pets healthy and safe.

- Crate or carrier (one for each animal)
- Food & water
- Emergency contact information
- Pet first aid kit & the *Pet First Aid & Disaster Response Guide*
- Medications, prescriptions, flea, & heartworm treatments
- Favorite toys, treats, & bedding
- Leash, collar or harness, & spare identification tags
- Kitty litter, pan, & scoop
- Muzzles (dogs & cats)
- Newspaper
- Food & water dishes
- Paper towels & cleaning supplies
- Sealable bags for disposing of solid waste (picking up poop)
- Stakes & tie-outs
- Trash bags
- Instructions (information about diet & medications)
- Documentation (vaccination & ownership records)
- Optional-but-useful items (flashlight, batteries, radio, & wipes)

Don't forget to rotate all supplies at least twice a year. And, be sure to practice with your pets. When pets will readily load into crates or allow you to use a muzzle, the easier it will be to manage an emergency!

SPECIAL OFFER

Make a donation in any amount to Pets America and receive the 20-page disaster preparedness workbook, *Because Lives Depend on It*, to help your whole family plan now for disasters! Enter "VETS2008" when you donate and you'll receive your booklet right away.

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