

Emergency Preparedness Pointer



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Don't Forget About Your Four Legged Friends



When making your family disaster plan, be sure to remember your pets. In the event you must evacuate your home, it is important to know what you will do with your pets. It is always best to take your pets with you. For safety, health, and spacing reasons, pets are not allowed in public human emergency shelters. Leaving your pets behind should only be used as a last resort. The best way you can take care of your pets during a disaster is to plan ahead and make a 72-hour pet kit.

MAKE A PET KIT

- ✓ Store a minimum of three days worth of food for each pet.
- ✓ Keep a minimum of three days worth of water for each pet in addition to the water you need for you and your family.
- ✓ Have an extra supply of necessary medicine in a waterproof container for your pet.
- ✓ Meet with your veterinarian to discuss what is appropriate for your pet's emergency needs.
- ✓ Ensure your pet has a collar with ID tag; information on ID tag should be most current information.
- ✓ Be sure to have a crate or other carrier for your pet. The carrier should be big enough for your pet to stand, turn around, and lie down.
- ✓ Include pet litter, newspaper, paper towels, plastic bags, and other necessary sanitary items.



Include Your Pets in Your Pre-Disaster Planning



When planning for your pets, look for pet friendly lodging ahead of time. Be sure to consider family or friends that will be able to take care of your animals in the event you cannot lodge them. Lodging options include a pet-friendly hotel or motel, or a kennel or veterinary hospital that is near your family's meeting place. Most importantly, find out before an emergency happens if your preferred facilities are viable options for you to take or lodge your pets. For more info, visit <https://adacounty.id.gov/accem/How-to-Prepare-Resources/Animals>

