

Pet emergency kit checklist

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What to pack for a disaster or an evacuation, where you can go with your pets, and when to refresh the kit. Tick each item as it goes in.

How much food and water? Ready.gov says several days, the ASPCA 7 to 10 days of food and at least 7 days of water, the CDC 2 weeks. Choose yours and write it below. Medicines: ask your vet.

Your kit

Pets this kit is for

Where the kit is kept

Days of food packed

Days of water packed

Packed on

Food, water and clean-up

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| ☐ Food in airtight, waterproof containers | ☐ Drinking water for each pet |
| ☐ Food and water bowls, non-spill if you can | ☐ A manual can opener, if your pet eats canned food |
| ☐ Feeding instructions for each pet | ☐ Litter and a litter box or disposable trays (cats) |
| ☐ Paper towels, plastic bags and disinfectant | ☐ Favorite toys, treats or bedding, if easy to carry |

Medicines and records

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| ☐ Your pet's regular medicines, an extra supply as prescribed, in a waterproof container | ☐ Medication instructions for each pet |
| ☐ Copies of vet records: rabies certificate, vaccinations, medical summary | ☐ Copies of the prescriptions |
| ☐ Registration or adoption papers, as proof of ownership | ☐ Microchip number, and the registry's name and phone |
| ☐ The same records saved on your phone or online | ☐ A waterproof container for the papers |

ID, photos and gear

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| ☐ Collar with an ID tag, and a harness | ☐ A backup leash and collar |
| ☐ A sturdy carrier for each pet, with a blanket or towel | ☐ Your name and phone and the pet's name on each carrier |
| ☐ Recent photos of each pet | ☐ A photo of you together with your pet |
| ☐ A description of each pet: breed, sex, color, weight | ☐ Care notes for a sitter or boarding: feeding, health, behavior |

First-aid supplies (AVMA's list, without the medicines)

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| ☐ Gauze roll | ☐ Nonstick bandages or clean cloth strips | ☐ Self-adhering, nonstick tape |
| ☐ Adhesive tape | ☐ Scissors with blunt ends | ☐ Disposable gloves |
| ☐ Tweezers | ☐ Small flashlight | ☐ Clean towels |
| ☐ Digital thermometer | ☐ Muzzle to prevent bites (do not muzzle your pet if they are vomiting) | ☐ A copy of the medical record |
| ☐ Important phone numbers | | |

Anything else your vet suggests for your pet



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Phone numbers

Vet	Vet's phone	Emergency vet clinic and phone
Animal poison control line	Emergency contact outside your area, phone	
Who can care for your pets: name, phone	Neighbor who can get to your pets: name, phone	

Where you can go with your pets

Hotel, friend, boarding or shelter	Address or area	Phone	Pets accepted? Notes

Rotation dates

Item	Packed on	Use or replace by	Checked on	Checked on
Food				
Water				
Medicines				
Copies of records				
Photos				

Before you leave

- ☐ A rescue alert sticker on the door, with the number and kinds of pets and your vet's phone
- ☐ If you leave with your pets and there is time, write "EVACUATED" across the sticker
- ☐ Pets brought indoors at the first warning, and taken with you if you evacuate
- ☐ Hotels on your route called ahead; ask whether a no-pets rule can be waived

Keep it ready

- Keep the kit near an exit, in sturdy containers that are easy to carry, and tell everyone at home where it is.
- Write the dates in the table when you pack, and check the kit regularly so food and medicines stay fresh. The ASPCA suggests rotating food and water every two months.
- Ask your vet about your pet's emergency medical needs and how much medicine to keep in the kit.

