

# 5 Animal Disaster Preparedness Essentials

## 1 Identify evacuation locations

- Find places that can accommodate your pet(s) if you evacuate; consider pet-friendly hotels, kennels and/or loved ones
- Write down these locations and store them with your disaster kit
- Practice loading your animals into their carriers and your vehicle

## 2 Microchip your pets

- Microchips are the single most effective way to reunite lost pets and families
- Update your microchip registration when you move, change phone numbers or get a new emergency contact
- Secure a sturdy, legible ID tag on your pets' collars, too

## 3 Start a buddy system

- Exchange keys and disaster plans with a neighbor who can evacuate your animals if you are not home when disaster strikes
- Give your buddy your pets' information and your emergency contact information
- Make sure your buddy is comfortable handling your animals

## 4 Assemble a disaster kit

- Assemble a kit for each animal in your household
- Keep the kit(s) near an exit so they are easy to grab in case of an emergency
- Turn this card over for tips on what to include in your disaster kit

## 5 Take photos of you with your pet(s)

- Photos can prove ownership if you are separated from your pets
- Keep copies of the photos in your wallet and your disaster kit
- Give copies to a loved one who lives outside of your area
- Storing photos on your cell phone can also be useful

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# Disaster Kit Checklist

## ✓ Food

- A one-week supply in airtight, waterproof containers
- If using canned food, include a can opener and spoon
- Rotate food every two months to avoid spoilage

## ✓ Water

- A one-week supply in airtight, waterproof containers
- Avoid storing in direct sunlight
- Rotate water every two months to avoid spoilage

## ✓ First aid/Medication

- Basic animal first aid kit and book
- At least a one-week supply of any prescription medication
- Heartworm and flea/tick preventative

## ✓ Identification

- Photos of your pets that show any distinguishing features
- Photos of you with your pets
- Temporary "write-on" identification tag
- Proof of vaccinations (in case you must board your pet)

## ✓ Animal care supplies

- Collar and leash or harness
- Crate or carrier
- Collapsible food and water bowls
- Blanket, toys and treats

## ✓ Cleaning supplies

- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Plastic bags or cat litter with litter tray

## Visit [www.uan.org](http://www.uan.org) to:

- Find more disaster preparedness resources
- Get disaster kit supply tips for various species
- Order supplies and planning materials



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