

# EMERGENCY SURVIVAL FOR PETS

There is much material written about and provided for us to prepare for human survival in the event of an emergency or catastrophe, but little attention is focused on pet survival. For many people, their pets are just as important as any human member of their family. Below is a list that will help you keep your pet safe or provided for, should you find yourself faced with a disaster. Safeguard these items in a labeled waterproof, easy-to-grab & carry backpack or kit.



- Pet first-aid kit
  - 3-7 days' worth of canned or pop-top dry food.
  - 7+ days' worth of bottled water
  - Disposable litter pans & litter
  - Feeding dishes
  - Liquid dishsoap and disinfectant
  - Photocopies of medical records and any prescriptions, sealed in zipped plastic bag
  - 2-Week supply of medicines (prescribed or over-the-counter) in waterproof container
  - Warm blanket or pet bed
  - Extra collar, harness and/or leash
  - Recent photo to use for posters in case you are separated
  - Traveling bag, sturdy crate or pet carrier for each pet
  - Especially for dogs: toys & chew toys; cage liners
  - Especially for cats: pillowcase or Evacsak; toys; catnip
  - Flashlight and batteries
- If possible, prepare a kit for each pet and rotate the water, food, and medicines every 60 days.

Keep the kit(s) with the human emergency kits in a safe, dry and easy-access location. Let other family members or trusted neighbor(s) know where you have stored the kit(s) in case you are affected by the disaster but they are not.

For more information, visit [www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org) and search "disaster preparedness".

