

WHAT IF I'M NOT HOME DURING AN EMERGENCY?

Decide on a trusted friend or neighbour who can go to your home to pick up your pet. Let them know how to get in (or give them a spare key). Tell them where your pet supplies are located and where your pet is usually located. Let them know of any likely hiding spots in case your pet is frightened or disoriented due to the emergency.

If your pet is at a kennel or animal daycare during the day, find out what the emergency plan is for the kennel or daycare should an emergency happen.

WHERE CAN MY PET STAY?

If an evacuation happens and authorities direct you to a reception centre, it is possible that your pet will not be allowed to stay at the centre. Make sure your emergency contact list includes friends, family, or neighbours who can help.

WHAT IF I HAVE TO LEAVE MY PET BEHIND?

If you must leave your pet behind during an emergency (for example, if you need to leave but can't find them)

- Don't leave them closed in a cage or crate or locked in a room
- Don't leave them tied to anything
- Leave out lots of food
- Leave out lots of accessible water (such as a full bathtub or large storage bin)

AFTER AN EMERGENCY

Depending on the emergency or disaster, your home may look and smell different which can be confusing for your pet. It will be important to keep your pets on a leash or in a carrier so they don't get lost or hurt, and only release them when they are in a safe and secure place.



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PREPARE YOUR PETS FOR AN EMERGENCY



As a Pet Owner, consider:

- What things might stress your pet out in an emergency? (for example, loud noises, large vehicles, flashing lights, temperature changes, power outages, going outside)
- If you are in your home during an emergency, what things could you do to help keep your pet calm and safe?
- If you have to leave your home during an emergency, what things could you bring with you to help keep your pet calm and safe?
- How will you transport your pet in an emergency?
- Does your pet have food or medication that needs to be refrigerated?
- Is your pet friendly or do they need to be kept away from other people or animals?
- Can your pet stay with family or friends in the event you have to leave your home?
- Will you be able to cover emergency pet costs such as a pet-friendly hotel, boarding kennel, or emergency vet visit?

GET PREPARED

What to bring when you need to leave your home with your pet:

- Crate, carrier, cage, or leash, labelled with your name and phone number
- Any required medication
- Documentation to prove ownership, as well as a recent photo of you and your pet
- Copy of vaccination records
- Copy of pet insurance information (if you have it)
- List of any medications, allergies, food restrictions, or feeding schedule



ADDITIONAL EXTRAS

If you are able, consider packing these extra supplies:

All Animals – food and water bowls, extra pet food and water, can opener (if needed to open pet food), pet treats, favourite blanket/towel/toys, pet first aid kit, garbage bags or poop bags, paper towels, dish soap or disinfectant

Dogs – extra collar/harness, muzzle

Cats – extra collar/harness, leash, litter and litter tray (aluminum roasting pans can work as a back-up)

Birds – blanket to cover cage, spray bottle to moisten feathers, cuttlebone or grit

Reptiles – pillowcase or permanent housing for transportation, soaking bowl, battery operated heating pad or heat lamp

Small animals such as hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs – extra bedding materials, extra water bottle, salt lick, hiding box or tube