

## MAKE A PLAN



If you have a plan in place for you and your pets, you will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry when you need to make a decision during an emergency.

### THINGS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR PLAN:

**Know what to do with your pet during an evacuation .** Know a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen.

**Develop a buddy system.** Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care of or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.

**Have copies of your pet's vaccination record,** and make sure your pet is microchipped.

### HAVE AN EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

**HAVE A PET EMERGENCY KIT READY TO GO!**



## YOUR PET EMERGENCY KIT



### Should include:

- sturdy pet carrier or crate (labelled with pet's name & your contact info)
- food & bottled water (2 weeks supply)
- medications (2 weeks supply)
- copy of pet's medical records & vaccinations (in waterproof container)
- food & water dishes
- extra leash, harness and collar
- kitty litter and tray (foil roasting pans work as an alternative litter box)
- extra toys & blankets

**Use your pet carrier to store your emergency supplies.**

**KNOW THE RISKS.  
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# Prepare Your Pets for Disaster



**BE READY.**







Your pets are important members of your family! This is why they should be included in your family's emergency plan. To prepare for the unexpected, keep your pets in mind as you follow these tips:

1. Make a plan.
2. Build an emergency kit.
3. Stay informed



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## Evacuating Without your Pets

In some circumstances, you may be forced to evacuate without your pet. Reuniting with animals during a disaster can be complicated.

### To improve your chances of being reunited

- have pets licensed with the City so details of the animals are established and on the record
- have up-to-date ID for animals including tattoo or microchip
- ID tag with animal's name, your phone number & urgent medical needs
- keep recent photos of pets with you (on your phone)

### If you must leave your pets behind, increase their chances of survival by

- not confining or tethering them
- leaving out lots of food
- leaving out lots of water such as filling a bathtub, sink or large container

## After an Emergency

- Animals can experience trauma. Their behavior may change temporarily.
- Keep a close eye on your pet.
- Keep them leashed for the first few days after the event or your return.
- Visit a vet if you have questions about your pet.

