



# Disaster Preparedness Checklist for Pet Owners

When a natural disaster strikes, you could be on your own for days. During this time, your pet will depend on you for their safety and well-being. Are you pet-prepared? If not, here's a concise disaster preparedness checklist that covers the basic necessities.

Include a **three-day supply** of everything you may need. Even if you don't have to evacuate your home, you may be without power or water. In case there is an evacuation, make sure your kit is "grab-and-go" like the backpack emergency kits recommended for people.

## Things to include:

### Food and Water

- 3-day supply of non-perishable pet food

- 3-day supply of water (*Dogs need anywhere from 8-17 ounces of water per ten pounds body weight per day, and cats need slightly less.*)

- Manual can opener

- Bowls

### Medications, and Supplements First Aid Kit and Sanitation Supplies

- Pet first aid kit

- Litter pan, litter, and scooper, and/or a supply of puppy pads, dog waste bags

- Plastic bags, gloves, general disinfectant, and a hand sanitizer

\* *Some items, like medications, may not lend themselves to pre-packing. For these, tie a note to your emergency kit as a reminder to grab them in the event of an evacuation.*

### Travel Supplies and Information

- Crate or pet carrier labeled with your contact information

- Leash, harness and/or muzzle

- List of boarding facilities in your area

- Information about your pet's feeding schedule, temperament and health, in case you need to leave your pet at a boarding facility

- List of hotels/motels in your area that accept pets

- List of friends/relatives with whom you and your pet can stay

## Comfort Items

- Treats
- A few favorite toys
- Blankets and/or towels
- Familiar bedding

## Important Documents

- Identification and proof-of-ownership papers (if you have them)
- ID tag/microchip number
- A recent photo and description of your pet, along with your contact information, in case you get separated
- Veterinarian contact information
- Copies of vaccination records

Make hard copies of these important documents and pieces of information, seal them inside a waterproof plastic sleeve, and place them in your grab-and-go emergency backpack. The data stored on your phone (or similar electronic device) will become inaccessible if the power goes out and there is no way to recharge your phone. With information, you can help your pet. Without it, you can't.

Remember to **check the contents of your kit every six months** to make sure the supplies are fresh and up to date.

For more about disaster preparedness, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca).