

Emergency Preparedness for Pets

Supplement your emergency plan with this checklist, tailored specifically to your pets. This list assumes that you already have an emergency kit prepared for the human members of your family, so it doesn't list items that would be duplicates (say, a flashlight). For ideas on what to pack for the human members of your family, check out [FEMA's Build-a-Kit resource](#).

___ Collars with up-to-date ID tags for each animal

___ A current photo of each animal with a brief description

- Tip: Be prepared. Make a Lost Pet flyer ahead of time ([ASPCA suggests what to include](#)) so that you're set if the worst happens. You may not have access to a computer/printer in an emergency.

___ A leash for each animal (including cats, just in case)

___ Crates for each animal

___ Canned food for each animal for at least six meals (and a can opener)

___ Water!

- Tip: According to Dogster, "On the average, a healthy dog drinks about 1/2 to 1 ounce of water per pound of body weight per day." Use that to calculate how much you need, then pad it with extra!

___ Bowls

___ Medications

___ First aid kit (this resource from [Married with Dawgs](#) is a great foundation)

___ Photocopies of medical records or, at the least, vaccination records (especially rabies)

___ Disposable litter tray and litter

- Tip: Those aluminum pans you can get at the supermarket are perfect.

___ Potty pads (you never know if you'll be able to get outside once you're sheltered)

___ Bonus items if you have space/time: toys and chews, trash bags, blankets, towels