Learn First Aid for Your Pets

Pets can prepare for emergencies by learning first aid for pets. This guide provides instructions and checklists to help you and your pets stay safe during natural disasters and other emergencies.

Plan to take your pets with you in an evacuation. It is not safe for them to stay at home, and they may be left behind. Ask your local Red Cross Chapter or your veterinary office about their pet evacuation plans.

Assemble a portable kit with your pets. Keep some of your pets’ basic needs in an emergency kit, such as food, water, and medications. This can help ensure that your pets are protected.

Be Red Cross Ready

Red CrossReady.org

Get more information on disaster preparedness and emergency planning for pets at RedCross.org. Find pet emergency kits at your local pet store or online.

Pets and Disaster Safety Checklist

The behavior of pets can change dramatically after a disaster, becoming aggressive or defensive, so it’s important to keep an eye on their behavior. Be prepared to take your pets with you in an evacuation.

What should I do?

After a disaster...

- Use a pet leash to control your pet’s movements.
- Keep your pet’s crate or carrier close at hand.
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Where should my pets go?

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What do I need to do for my pets?

- Provide your pets with fresh water and food.
- Avoid giving your pets any food or water that may have been contaminated.
- Keep your pets’ medications and medical records on hand.
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