

Prepare Your Pet for Disaster



- Make sure ID tags are up-to-date with your contact information, including info for a relative or friend outside the area. Also keep a current picture of your dog with you in case your dog gets lost.
- Create a portable disaster kit for your dog, and keep in an easy-to-access location. Be sure to include:
 - Food, water – include a 3-day supply for each pet
 - Bowls, non-spill
 - Sturdy leashes and collars
 - Beds/toys if easily transportable
 - Medication and medical records sealed in a waterproof bag
 - Information on feeding schedules, behavior problems, and veterinarian contact info
- Find a safe place to take your pet. List friends, relatives, pet-friendly motels, and kennels outside a potential disaster area.

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- Identify friends and relatives who can help. Find people who are comfortable taking care of your dog if you are not home during a disaster. Give them a key and tell them the location of your dog's disaster kit.

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- Important numbers:

American Red Cross	(800) 733-2767
Humane Society of the United States	(202) 452-1100
Federal Emergency Management Agency	(800) 621-3362

For more information on preparing pets for disaster, check out the June 2007 issue of DOG FANCY.