

If where you are isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your animals. Think first about the basics for your pets – food, water and warmth.

Think about having two Emergency Survival Kits for your pets:



Home Kit – contains everything you may need to stay at home in shelter for up to three days.

Evacuation Kit – more portable and lightweight kit for when you need to leave quickly.



**Emergency
Plan for
Domestic Pets**



See overleaf for a checklist of recommended contents

Safe Shelter Places



If you need to evacuate you must take your pets. They're part of your family and it's not okay to leave them behind. If it's not safe for you to stay, it's not safe for them or those who may try and rescue them. **Domestic pets are allowed in emergency shelters** but you could plan for safe shelter that you and your pets (or just your pets) can go to.

Remember at most places you'll need to provide veterinary records before they'll accept pets.

Have a practice run

- Practice getting your family and pets to the designated safe place.
- See how quickly you can evacuate and practice it from time to time to see if you can make improvements (remember to try it in the dark, helpful if the emergency event happens at night and there's a power cut)



Emergency Items

- Food:** Store at least five days of non-perishable pet food (canned or dried) - remember the can opener!
- Water:** Store at least five days of water, additional to your family needs. Animals can drink more water than usual when stressed.
- Medicines:** Store any extra medical supplies and special dietary needs or supplements in a waterproof container.
- Veterinary/medical records:** Store copies of any medical and vaccination records in a waterproof container. Include your vet's name and phone number.
- First Aid Kit:** In addition to your family needs.
- Blanket/bedding:** Familiar items, like favourite blanket or toy can help reduce stress for your pets.
- Sanitation:** Include pet litter and litter box and any other useful items, like newspapers, paper towels, poo bags, puppy pads, gloves and household bleach (to dilute).



Identification

- ID tag:** Add an ID tag to your pets' collar that clearly shows your name, phone number and your address.
- Microchipped:** Make sure your pets are microchipped.
- Photograph:** Store a current photograph of your pets in a waterproof container.
- Save information online:** For easy access from wherever you are, save all your important information online e.g. mobile phone or web/email.



Equipment

- Cage/carrier:** For safe transportation and to prevent your pet from escaping.
- Lead/harness/muzzle:** For dog control in the event that they become stressed and try to escape in an emergency situation.