



ARE YOU
PREPARED
FOR AN
EMERGENCY?

PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY Pets

DURING AN EMERGENCY

- Keep your pet inside during severe weather. Animals are very sensitive to sudden changes in temperature and often isolate themselves when scared.
- Separate cats and dogs. Keep smaller pets such as hamsters away from larger animals. Stress can lead to unusual behaviour.
- Keep newspaper inside for hygiene purposes and feed your pet wet food in order to reduce the amount of water they may need.

PET EVACUATION PLAN

The best way to protect your pet in an emergency is to bring it with you. However, many evacuation shelters will only accept service animals. Make a list of where your pet can be taken in case you need to be evacuated and there is no room at the evacuation shelter. **This list can include:**

- hotels that accept animals during an emergency;
- boarding centres and animal shelters;
- animal clinics and hospitals; and
- family members and friends.

THE FOLLOWING STEPS WILL HELP KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE WHEN YOU NEED TO EVACUATE WITH YOUR ANIMAL(S)

- Make sure each animal wears a collar and identification tag at all times. You may become separated from your pet.
- Invest in a sturdy crate or carrier for emergency transport.
- Have a string leash or harness.
- Bring food and water for at least 72 (seventy-two)-hours, 4 (four)-litres/day per average dog, 1 (one)-litre/day per cat.
- Bring bowls and can opener for food.
- Take along newspapers, paper towels, plastic bags, litter, and or/litter box.
- Bring medical records, special medications, dosage and veterinarian's contact information.
- Bring a pet file including recent photos of the animal, your emergency numbers, contact information for friends who could house your pet, copies of any licenses and vaccination records.
- Bring a blanket and a toy.

PETS AND SHELTER

During an extended power outage or other emergency, you may be required to take your pet to an emergency reception centre. **Pet owners should prepare to:**

- remain with their pets while they are in the shelter;
- provide a crate for each pet;
- stay in control of your leashed pet while outside of its crate; and
- care for their pets; providing food, water and waste clean-up.



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