



Volunteer Link

KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PET PREPAREDNESS EDITION

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Pet Plan
- Pet Shelter in Place
- Evacuation Sheltering
- Pet Emergency Kit



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Ready Pet Go!

In the event of a disaster, the best way to protect your household is to have a preparedness plan. If you are a pet owner, your plan can include your pets. Taking a few minutes now to prepare can save their lives later.

Different disasters require different actions & responses.

As a general rule: If it's not safe for you to stay behind, then it's not safe for them to stay behind.

Here are some helpful tips for making a plan, sheltering in place and sheltering in an evacuation.



Pet Plan: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

- ◆ Update all tags on the collar & have to pet wear it
- ◆ Microchip your pet (keep the information up to date)
- ◆ Pet carrier for each pet with name, address & contact info on the carrier
- ◆ Leash/carrier closely located to the door (grab-n-go)
- ◆ Have a transportation plan
- ◆ Safe place for your pet to stay (with you, friends, authorities, etc...)

Shelter In Place:

- ◆ Select a safe room—normally an interior room or a room

with no or few windows

- ◆ Remove toxic chemicals/plants
- ◆ Close off small areas where pets may like to hide but it is difficult to get to them (vents, under heavy furniture, etc...)



Evacuation Sheltering:

- ◆ Contact your local emergency management office, local veterinary clinics, boarding facilities, and local animal shelters
- ◆ Contact family or friends outside the evacuation area
- ◆ Contact a pet-friendly hotel



Pet Emergency Preparedness Kit

- Medical records & microchip information
- Medications (2 weeks min. & treats if used with meds)
- First Aid Kit
- Leash/harness/carrier
- Current photo (lost pet
- handout—pet/owner info)
- Food (2 weeks worth)—wet food reduces water intake by pets 😊 🐾
- Water (2 weeks worth) 🐾
- Bowls & manual can opener
- Cat litter/pan/plastic bags (toiletries)
- Pet bed & toys (de-stress)
- Written feeding schedule, medical conditions, behavior problems, and veterinarian info (fostering pet)
- Sturdy waterproof container for storage



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