

Do You Have a Disaster Plan for Your Pets?

Pets, like small children, depend on us for everything. We supply their food, shelter, and safety. It's our responsibility to include them in our disaster plan. Being prepared can save their lives.

The only animals allowed in Red Cross shelters (due to State health and safety regulations) are service animals that assist people with disabilities.

Find shelter for your pets ahead of time:

Contact hotels, motels, and veterinarians outside of your immediate area. Check their policies on accepting pets in an emergency. Call friend and relatives also. Prepare a list of boarding facilities, including phone numbers, and keep it with your disaster supplies.

Have a pet disaster supply kit available and ready:

Your pet supply kit should include food, water, bowls; can opener, cat litter & litter box, medications and medical records, pet bed and toys, leashes, harnesses and a pet carrier if necessary. You should include information regarding feeding schedules, medications, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian.

Evacuation:

Should you have to evacuate, do not leave animals behind. If you cannot take them with you, take them to a prearranged location during the evacuation period.