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Disaster Response Kit for Pet Owners



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As a pet owner, it's crucial to be prepared for any emergency situation, including:

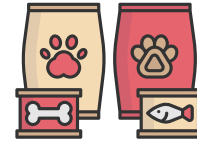
- natural disasters
 - tornados
 - floods
 - snowstorms,
- man-made disasters
 - fires
 - chemical spills
 - power outages.



This guide will help you create a disaster response kit for your pets to ensure their safety and well-being during emergencies!

What are the “must-have” supplies for my pet’s disaster response kit?

- **Food:** Pack at least a one-week supply of your pet's regular food in airtight containers.



- **Water:** Store enough water to last your pet for at least one week, accounting for both drinking and sanitation needs.

- **Bowls:** Include collapsible bowls for food and water.



- **Medications:** Have a supply of any necessary medications your pet may require, along with a copy of their prescriptions.

- **First Aid Kit:** Include basic first aid supplies such as bandages, antiseptic wipes, and tweezers



- **Blankets or Towels:** Pack blankets or towels for warmth and comfort.

- **Leash and Harness:** Ensure you have a sturdy leash and harness for each pet.



- **Identification:** Keep your pet's identification tags and microchip information up to date.

What are some “nice to have” supplies for my pet’s disaster response kit?

- **Comfort Toys:** Include your pet's favorite toys or comfort items to reduce stress.



- **Bedding:** Pack a comfortable bed or blanket for your pet to rest on.

- **Carrier or Crate:** Have a secure carrier or crate for each pet for safe transport.



- **Pet Calming Products:** Consider including calming supplements or sprays to help reduce anxiety during stressful situations.

- **Pet Specific Items:** Remember to include items specific to your pet's needs, such as litter and a litter box for cats, pocket pet supplies, bird items, etc



Make sure you have emergency contact information!



- **Veterinarian:** Keep contact information for your veterinarian handy, including their phone number and address.

- **Emergency Vet:** Identify nearby emergency veterinary clinics and their contact information.



- **Pet-Friendly Shelters:** Research pet-friendly shelters or hotels in your area in case evacuation becomes necessary.



What other things should I do to prepare for a disaster?



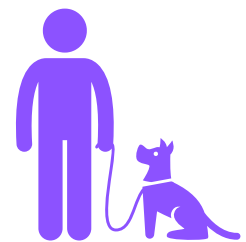
- Know Your Evacuation Route:
 - Plan and practice evacuation routes with your pets, considering alternative routes in case of road closures.

- Pick a Caregiver:
 - Identify a trusted friend or family member who can care for your pets if you are unable to do so.



- Have a Communication Plan:
 - Establish a communication plan with family members or neighbors to coordinate pet care and reunification efforts.

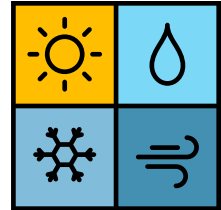
- Train Your Pets:
 - Train your pets to respond to commands, making it easier to control them in emergency situations.



And don't forget...

- Weather Preparedness:

- Stay informed about weather forecasts and prepare accordingly, especially during severe weather seasons.



- Easy-to-Carry Emergency Kit:

- Make sure your disaster response kit is portable and easy to find, so you can quickly grab it in case of an emergency.

- Regular Pet Checkups:

- Schedule regular checkups with your veterinarian to keep your pets healthy and up to date on vaccinations.



By following the guidelines outlined in this document and assembling a comprehensive disaster response kit for your pets, you can ensure their safety and well-being during emergencies. Being prepared and having a plan in place will give you peace of mind and help you effectively respond to any disaster situation.

Remember...your pets are counting on YOU for their care and protection!

