

What's in a Pet Preparedness Kit?

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Every member of your household should be prepared for disasters. That means pets, too!

Just as you would create a disaster supply kit for yourself, be sure to also assemble one for your pet. In addition to having enough food and water to last at least three days, the [Ready Campaign](#) recommends:

- **Medicines and medical records:** Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container as well as records with any instructions;
- **Collar with ID tag, harness or leash:** Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar, and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit;
- **Crate or other pet carrier:** If you need to evacuate in an emergency, take your pets and animals with you; and
- **Sanitation:** Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs. You can use bleach as a disinfectant (dilute nine parts water to one part bleach), or in an emergency you can also use it to [purify water](#).

Note: [Please store chlorine bleach safely](#)! Keep products containing hazardous materials such as chlorine bleach in their original containers and never remove the labels; never store hazardous products in food containers; and never mix chlorine bleach with any other household cleaning products. Mixing may cause chemicals to react, ignite, explode, or release poisonous gases that will cause very serious breathing problems or death.

For the full list of items you should include in your pet's kit, download [Preparing Makes Sense for Pet Owners](#) today!

Keep your pet prepared while on the go using the American Red Cross [Pet First Aid mobile app](#). Use this app to help your furry friends during emergencies until you can get to a veterinarian. It's available for download on Apple and Android devices.