PET PREPAREDNESS:

Planning ahead will help you tremendously if a disaster hits home. If your family includes beloved pets, they need to be included in your emergency plans.

Since many shelters will not allow you to bring your pets with you, prearrange a location for them to stay if you must leave home.

While most of this advice is geared to companion animals, if you own livestock you must plan for their survival, too.

A short list of pet preparedness tips follows. For more detailed information, including pet CPR, please follow the links that follow.

\*Have a pet carrier available and spend time in advance to acclimate your pet to that space. Favorite toys and an article of your clothing may help to settle and calm your pet.

\*Leashes, harnesses, and bags for walking or scooping are important.

\*Have enough food and water for your pets to last at least three days, a week is preferable. (Learn how much water per day your pet needs here: [How Much Water Should Your Pet be Drinking? | KVAL](https://int.kval.com/features/for-pets-sake/how-much-water-should-your-pet-be-drinking).) Dry food has a longer shelf life than canned. Include non-tip water and food dishes.

\*Keep spare pet medications on hand and readily available with your veterinarian’s instructions for administration.

\*Pack litter and a litter tray as well as a scoop and bags.

\*Have proof of your ownership such as a photo of you and your pet, or have your pet microchipped.

More information can be found at these links:

[Pet Safety in Emergencies | Healthy Pets, Healthy People | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/keeping-pets-and-people-healthy/emergencies.html) (Includes disaster checklist)

[Video How to perform CPR on your dog or cat - ABC News](https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Living/video/perform-cpr-dog-cat-93441052) (Pet CPR)

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