

Don't forget your pet!

Your family's emergency plan should include all your family members.

Be prepared to shelter in place and be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

- Have an emergency survival kit for your pet & make sure it's ready to go.

Be ready to evacuate. If it's too dangerous for you to stay, it's too dangerous for your pets to stay.

- Take your pets (and their emergency kits) with you whenever possible.
- Develop personal evacuation plans with friends or relatives, or pet-friendly hotels and motels outside your immediate area.
- Know local evacuation centre locations and related pet policies.

If an emergency occurs when you're not home, you can still be prepared.

- Use a "buddy system". Arrange with neighbours to access your pets and kits if you're not there.
- Place an "Animal rescue" sign on your front door so rescuers will know there are pets inside. These signs are available from your local humane society. If you evacuate with your pets, try to remove the sign or mark it with an "X" as you leave.
- Include your pet in your family emergency drills.

The 72-hour Pet Emergency Survival Kit for Dogs and Cats

A **carrier** big enough to comfortably transport and house your pet temporarily

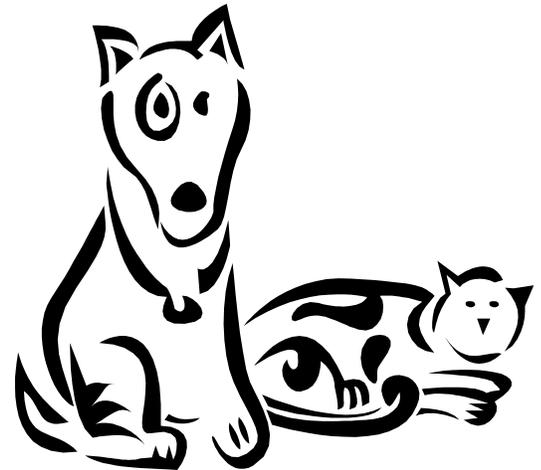
Food and water in light but sturdy re-sealable containers (remember: special dietary needs e.g. supplements, and treats)
No-spill bowls, spoon and manual can opener (if required)

Identification and emergency information

- Your pet should wear an up-to-date ID tag with contact information, license (if required) and rabies vaccination tags, microchipping is also recommended
- In a sturdy envelope:
 - A current photo of your pet with you (in case you're separated).
 - Emergency contact list: you, friends/relatives, your veterinarian
 - Copies of veterinary/vaccination records, special care notes

Familiar items to make pets feel comfortable, healthy and safe

- Bedding material, blanket, toys, brush
- Leash and collar or harness for each animal; a muzzle (for all dogs)
- Litter, litter pan and scoop (for cats), poop 'n' scoop bags (for dogs)
- Medications and pet first aid kit



AND: An easy-to-carry bag to store and transport the kit contents

Remember, emergency supply requirements vary for different kinds of animals.

For more information including kits for other types of pets, go to the OSPCA website www.ontariospca.ca or ask your veterinarian.