

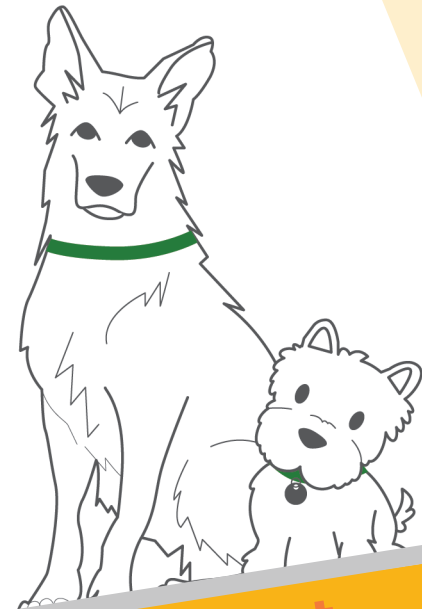
Pets and Emergencies

A Family Emergency Plan is key when being prepared for potential emergencies. It's also very important to include your family pets in that plan.

Pet Emergency Plan and Kits:

When making your family emergency plan, be sure to include your pets and make sure they are prepared for any emergency:

- Make sure to check medication expiration dates twice a year and replace any expired food in your pet's emergency kit.
- Ensure enough food for 72 hours
- Water – 4 liters per day for average dog, 1 liter per day for average cat
- Bowls for food and water
- Manual can opener
- Up to date ID tags
- Pet licenses
- Current photo of your pet and you
- Copies of medical and vaccination records
- Medications and First aid kit
- Leash, collar or harness
- Cat litter, litter box/scoop (cats), poop and scoop bags (dogs)
- Familiar bedding and toys
- Emergency contact information
- Pet carrier
- Have recorded details of eating schedule, medical or behavioral problems for your pet if they need to be boarded



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Pets and Evacuations

If there is an evacuation order, pets should not be left behind for risk of getting lost or injured. Make sure to plan ahead and have a place your pet can go if an evacuation occurs.

- Check with hotels and motels in your area and out of town for what their policy is on pets and if they will be accepted during emergencies.
- Check with friends and family members to see who would be able to house your pets if needed during an emergency.
- Make sure to include your pets in all drills and exercises.



What to do if you are not home and an evacuation is ordered?

If you are not home during an evacuation ordered, you should have a plan in place with a friend or neighbour to get your pet and their emergency kit, ensuring your pet will be able to be evacuated and find safety during an emergency.

Make your plans accordingly - know what to do before you need to do it! Check Environment Canada's site for their Tips on Preparing for Summer Severe Weather at www.ec.gc.ca



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