

Prepare Your Pets

Include your pets in your family's emergency plan.



It is not safe to leave pets alone for a long time.

- Find out where you can take your pets during an emergency to keep them safe.
- Save the address and phone number in your phone.
- Talk with at least two people you trust and make plans for them to check on or care for your pet, if you cannot get home.



Service animals are allowed in emergency shelters.

- Service animals **ARE** permitted to be in **ALL** places that serve the public as long as the animal is not posing a direct threat to the health or safety of people.
- **Service animals** are trained to perform tasks directly related to a person's disability.



Check before going to an emergency shelter to make sure household pets are allowed.

- **Household pets** are domesticated animals that do not have specialized training.



Practice your evacuation plan with your pets.

- Get your pet familiar with their carrier before an emergency in case you need to leave your home.
- If applicable, practice getting into your car with your pet.



Stay informed.

- Text ReadyPhila to 888-777 to receive text alerts to your phone about emergencies or severe weather.

To learn more about preparing your pets for emergencies, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/pets>

Pet Preparedness Checklist



When gathering emergency supplies for your pet:



- Keep emergency items in an easy to access place
- Store items in sturdy (strong) containers that can be carried easily
- Try to have a 14-day supply of food and water (don't forget bowls!)



Based on your pet's needs, add these supplies to your kit.

- Pet carrier/cage for easy transportation
- Leash, harness, collar, and muzzle
- Blankets/towels/bedding
- Litter pan, plastic bags, and scooper
- Familiar items like toys and treats
- ID tags and microchip numbers
- First aid kit
- A 3-day supply of medicines
- Contact information for your vet
- Medical records, including list of current vaccinations
- Copies of pet registration and/or adoption paperwork
- A photo of you with your pet to show you are the owner in case you are separated

