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PET DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

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If it is not safe for you, it is not safe for your pets. Take them with you.

1 PREPARE BEFORE AN EMERGENCY

- ☐ Include every pet in your household emergency plan.
- ☐ Update collars, ID tags and microchip registration.
- ☐ Keep one secure carrier or crate ready for each pet.
- ☐ Choose two pet-friendly destinations outside your area.
- ☐ Name a trusted caregiver and provide a key and instructions.
- ☐ Save veterinary records, prescriptions and current photos on paper and electronically.
- ☐ Practice loading pets and supplies into your vehicle.

3 WHEN DANGER APPROACHES

- ☐ Bring pets indoors at the first warning.
- ☐ Leash dogs; secure cats and small animals in carriers.
- ☐ Follow local emergency instructions and evacuate early.
- ☐ Take pets, go bags, carriers and medicines with you.
- ☐ Tell your caregiver where you are going.
- ☐ Never enter a dangerous or restricted area to retrieve a pet - alert emergency responders.

2 BUILD A PET GO BAG

One labeled waterproof bag per pet

FOOD, WATER & HEALTH

- At least 7 days of food and water; add bowls and a manual can opener.
- At least 7 days of medication, safely labeled, plus written dose instructions.
- Pet first-aid kit and veterinarian-approved guide.
- Treats, familiar blanket or toy to reduce stress.

ID, RECORDS & TRANSPORT

- Labeled carrier or crate, extra collar or harness, ID tag and leash.
- Vaccination and medical records, vet contacts and microchip details.
- Current pet photo and a photo of you together.
- Flashlight, spare batteries and portable phone charger.

SANITATION

- Waste bags, paper towels, garbage bags and pet-safe cleaner.
- Cat litter, scoop and disposable tray; add pee pads or cage liners as needed.

SPECIAL-SPECIES EXTRAS

- Birds and small mammals: secure travel cage, bedding, food and safe temperature support.
- Reptiles: ventilated container, handling supplies and written heat requirements.

STORE: Keep the bag near an exit with the carrier, leash and harness.

CHECK: Review every 3 months; replace expired supplies and update records.

4 SHELTER IN PLACE

- ☐ Use an interior room away from windows.
- ☐ Keep pets, carriers, leashes and supplies together.
- ☐ Separate frightened or unfamiliar animals.
- ☐ Maintain safe ventilation and temperature; stay ready to evacuate.

5 AFTER THE EMERGENCY

- ☐ Keep pets restrained until the area is secure.
- ☐ Check for injuries, breathing problems or unusual behavior.
- ☐ Contact a veterinarian after injury, smoke, chemical or floodwater exposure.
- ☐ Report missing pets and notify the microchip registry.

WILDLIFE: Keep people and pets away. Do not offer food or water unless directed; contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

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