



## Emergency Preparedness For Pets

Often when we prepare for an emergency or disaster we think about ourselves, our family, neighbours, colleagues and friends. But is there someone else you might be forgetting?

Although they are often considered as part of the family, it's easy to forget some extra planning might be needed to ensure your pets are also prepared. The following is a list of items you can store together to keep your furry, fuzzy, fluffy and feathered loved ones comfortable and safe:

### Food + Water

Store at least five days of non-perishable pet food (canned or dried) in an airtight or waterproof container - don't forget a can opener! Try to use the same food as what you normally feed them to avoid possible stomach upsets. Store at least five days of water, additional to your family needs. Remember to include bowls for both.

### Carrier

One for each animal. Label these in advance with your name, contact number and address. The cage/carrier should be sturdy and made from metal or plastic, not cardboard which may disintegrate when wet. For dogs, also include a muzzle, harness and lead.

### Medical Supplies + Vet's Details

Store extra medical supplies (such as bandages and tape, scissors, tweezers and gloves) and your pet's medicines or supplements in a waterproof container. You should also store copies of any medical and vaccination records in a waterproof see-through storage bag. Include your vet's name and phone number, in case you have to board or place your pets in someone else's care. Provide extra contact details for nearby family and friends.

### Towels, Blankets + Bedding

It helps to use bedding your pet is familiar with to make them feel at ease, especially if you become separated. A favourite toy can also help reduce stress. Towels and blankets will come in handy to keep your pet warm and dry in severe weather.

### Sanitation

Include litter and a litter box if needed and any other useful items such as newspapers, paper towels, plastic bags, doggie bags, disposable gloves and sanitising solutions.

### Photographs + ID

Store a current photograph of your pets in a waterproof container, including notes on any distinguishing features as well as name, sex, age, colour and breed. Also include a photograph of you together to help prove ownership if you get separated. Make sure your pets are microchipped and wearing ID tags if possible.