

BE READY!

If an emergency strikes and you need to evacuate with your pet, you'll want to have a plan in place.



If it's not safe for you, it's not safe for your pets.

That's why it's important to make pets part of your emergency planning.

There are many reasons you might need to evacuate, from weather hazards, to earthquake or fire, to a community disaster like a chemical spill.

By developing a plan that includes your pets, you can keep them safe and make sure you have everything ready if you need to leave quickly.

Here are tips to help as you create an emergency plan for you and your pets...



KNOW WHERE TO GO

Have a list of options if you need to leave suddenly:

- Hotels that allow pets
- Animal hospitals and boarding facilities
- Local emergency shelters that allow pets





CHECK LOCAL GUIDELINES

Federal and state laws now include pets in emergency planning. Make sure you know what this means where you live.

Check your city's website or call your emergency management office to understand any local requirements or needs.

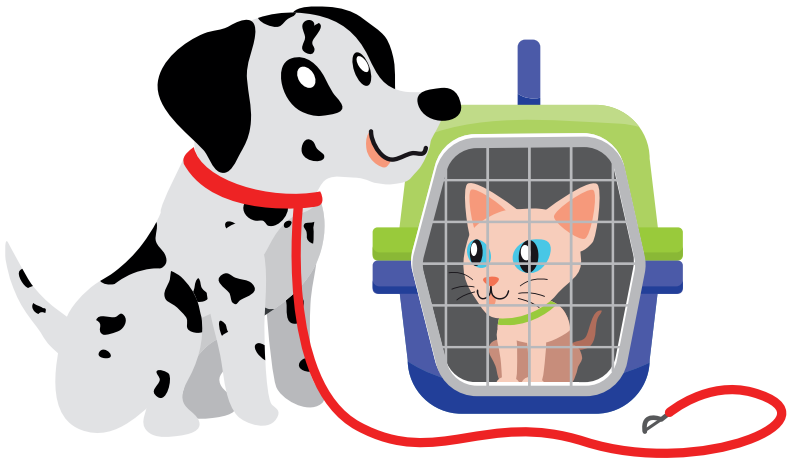




LEAVING YOUR HOME

Practice evacuating to make sure your family can get out quickly:

- Assign roles — who finds the pets, grabs the emergency kit, etc.
- Know where pets might hide if scared or stressed
- Be sure to leash or crate pets so they can't slip away as you go





IF YOU STAY HOME

If you need to shelter in place:

- Have a safe space planned, e.g. basement or room without windows
- Make sure it's pet safe — no toxins, cords to chew on, etc.
- Stock it with needed supplies like water, food and an extra leash

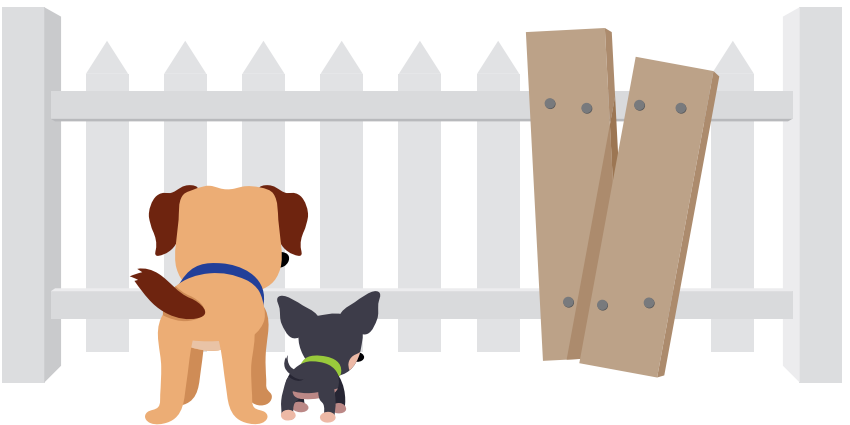




AFTER A DISASTER

Make sure your home is still safe for your pet:

- Check that fences are intact to keep pets enclosed
- Look for debris or pooled water that could be dangerous
- Keep an eye on pets — they may be spooked or stressed



BONUS TIP:

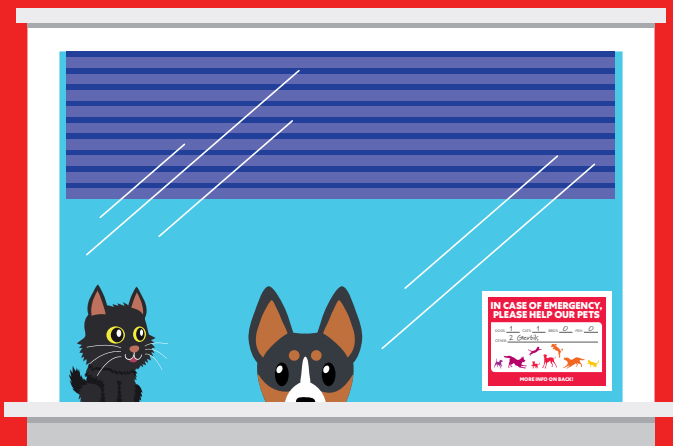
The Benefits of a Pet Emergency Card

Make sure your pets will be cared for in times of need with a pet emergency card.

If something happens to you, a wallet card can alert authorities that you have a pet at home.

If something happens at home when you're away, a window card tells first responders that one or more pets are inside and need help.

Download cards at bit.ly/PetEmergencyCards



Wishing safety to you and your pets!

— Your friends from Mars Petcare

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