FORTUNE FAVORS THE PREPARED · PETS & ANIMALS ONE-PAGER

Preparedness for Pets

If you leave, they leave. If you stay, they need two weeks too.

1. How long could you feed them today?
2. What goes in their kit?
3. How much water do they need?
4. Where can they go if you evacuate?
5. Have you practiced it?

1 Pet ID & records card · one row per animal; keep a copy in the kit, the binder and your phone

Name / species	Microchip # & registry	Vet & phone	Meds & dose	Food & amount	Behavior / handling notes
Example: Biscuit, dog, 50 lb	*985...0012 / chip co.*	*Oak St Vet, 555-0142*	*Insulin, 2× a day*	*2 cups dry, 2× a day*	*Afraid of storms; good with kids*

Keep the chip registration current, with an out-of-area contact. Add vaccine dates and a photo of you *with* each pet to prove ownership.

2 The pet kit · two kits: a bigger one to shelter at home, a light one to grab and go

Grab-and-go kit (per pet)

- ☐ Food in a waterproof container
- ☐ Meds + written instructions
- ☐ Collar, ID tag, spare leash
- ☐ Litter, pan, poop bags
- ☐ Photo of you with your pet
- ☐ Water + collapsible bowl
- ☐ Pet first aid supplies
- ☐ Crate or carrier, one per pet
- ☐ Records copy in a zip bag
- ☐ Toy, treats, blanket

Shelter-at-home stock

- ☐ **2 weeks** of food per pet
- ☐ **2 weeks+** of meds
- ☐ Spill-proof dishes
- ☐ Extra litter / bedding
- ☐ **2 weeks** of water per pet
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Paper towels, bags, bleach
- ☐ Strips, syringes, sharps jar

Stock is *extra*. Don't count the bag you're feeding from now.

3 Water math

Pet	Per day	2 weeks
Cat, 10 lb	~10 oz	~1.1 gal
Dog, 25 lb	~25 oz	~2.7 gal
Dog, 50 lb	~50 oz	~5.5 gal
Dog, 80 lb	~80 oz (5 pt)	~8.8 gal
Your pet: ___ lb		

About **1 oz of water per pound** a day; more for heat, work, nursing or dry food. Give treated water: pets get the same parasites people do.

4 Store and rotate the food

- ☐ **Measure first.** What does each pet eat in a week? Multiply it out.
- ☐ **Seal it.** A pet food vault, tote, cooler or metal can keeps out ants, rodents and damp. One per food type.
- ☐ **Build slowly.** One extra bag a trip: 2 weeks, then a month.
- ☐ **First in, first out.** Feed from the oldest. Donate unopened food to a shelter before it expires.
- ☐ **Same brand if you can.** In a pinch they'll eat another, but a sudden switch can upset stomachs. Mix it in over several days.

Our goal: _____ weeks **Stored at:** _____

5 Meds and first aid

- ☐ Ask your vet for an extra supply of daily meds. Farm stores sell some supplies.
- ☐ Stock the extras too: test strips, lancets, syringes, a sharps container.
- ☐ Pets get their own gauze, wrap and ointment, so the family kit lasts.
- ☐ Learn the warning signs of your pet's condition.
- ☐ **Ask your vet now** which over-the-counter meds are safe, and the dose. Ibuprofen and acetaminophen are toxic to pets.

24-hour emergency vet: _____

6 Where they go if you evacuate

If you're told to evacuate, take your pets. Most public shelters take only service animals. The PETS Act (2006) makes FEMA-funded plans account for pets: ask your county.

Option	Name, phone, distance
Pet-friendly hotel	
Friend / family	*e.g. Jordan, 555-0123, 90 mi*
Boarding kennel or vet	

7 Rescue sticker & pet buddy

Put a **rescue alert sticker** on or near the front door: how many pets, what kind, and your vet's number. If you leave with them, write **EVACUATED** across it.

Set up a **buddy** who can get in and take your pets if you're stuck at work or on the road. Swap keys, the card and the kit location.

Our buddy: _____ **Phone:** _____

Key / kit location: _____

8 Heat, cold and bigger animals

- **Never leave a pet in a parked car.** Inside can rise almost 20°F in 10 minutes. Cracked windows barely help.
- **Power out in summer:** shade, extra water, walks at dawn or dusk.
- **Cold:** bring pets indoors, add bedding, keep water from freezing.
- **Horses and livestock:** ID every animal, line up a trailer, a driver and a destination, map two routes, and leave much earlier.

9 Practice it · a pet that hides from the carrier costs you minutes you don't have

1 Carrier Leave it out, with treats, so it's normal.

2 Catch drill Time how long to crate every pet.

3 Car ride Short trips in the crate, now.

4 Grab drill Pets, kit and card in the car. Time it.

5 Rotate Every 6 months: food, water, med dates.

6 Update New phone or move? Fix chip + card.

Read more
Preparedness for Pets and the Animals section. Store their water with yours: Water.

Add it to the plan
Put pets in the *Your Family Emergency Plan* one-pager: who grabs them, the carriers and food, and where you meet.

Track it
Ready Ledger keeps each pet's chip, vet, meds and records with your household, and tracks food and med dates.

The full article: *Preparedness for Pets*
fortunefavorstheprepared.com/preparedness-for-pets/

The QR code opens the article. Checked against Ready.gov, CDC and ASPCA pet preparedness guidance.

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