

Have a Plan -

Assemble a Pet Go Bag!

YOUR KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- ❑ Food and water for several days
- ❑ Identification collar for your pet
- ❑ Current immunization/vet records
- ❑ Cat litter and disposable litter pan
- ❑ Animal carrier, cage & leash (mark with name & phone number)
- ❑ Medications (check expiration dates)
- ❑ First aid kit for animals
- ❑ Warm blanket or sleeping bag for carrier – preferably with your scent on it
- ❑ Plastic Bags to handle pet waste
- ❑ Picture of you with your pet
- ❑ Muzzle or device to keep pet from biting others
- ❑ Pet toys (something familiar to comfort pet)



For more information on pet planning, please visit:
The Humane Society of the United States
www.humanesociety.org
The American Red Cross
www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/pets



1-800-452-8735

www.maineprepares.com

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Preparing the Whole Family...



Make a Pet Plan Stay Informed Help Others

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MAKE A PET PLAN

- Learn about likely emergencies where you live, learn and work.
- Plan to take your pets with you if you have to evacuate.

PREPARE TO SHELTER IN PLACE

- Assemble 4-7 days of pet supplies and keep them dry.
- Identify a safe area of your home where you can all stay together.

WHEN YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE

- Know where you are going and how to get there.
- Gather your pets and keep indoors if evacuation is likely.
- Call 211 to find a “pet friendly” shelter in your area.
- Transport and shelter all pets in appropriate crates, carriers, cages or containers.
- Bring your pet kit
- Call ahead if necessary (motel/boarding facility)



FOR HELP WHEN YOU ARE NOT HOME

- Identify a willing friend/neighbor/pet sitter to get your pets during an emergency and meet you at a predetermined place.
- Be sure your pet helper has access to your home and knows where the pets and emergency supplies are.
- Exchange contact information with your pet helper.

RETURNING HOME

- ‘Home’ may look, smell and seem different to your pets after a disaster.
- Keep your pets inside your home for a few days until they feel at ease again.
- Get your pets back to a familiar routine as soon as possible to reduce disaster-based stress.
- Contact a vet if problems persist.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS – EXOTIC PETS

- Ensure that any unique needs of your pets are taken into consideration in your plan. Special supplies and medications will not be easily available.
- All pets need to be in a sturdy carrier/cage that they can stay in for several days if necessary.
- If temperatures and specialty environments are a concern for your pet, ensure you have what you need to ensure their comfort and survival.

STAY INFORMED

- Learn how your community alerts residents about emergencies.
- Subscribe to weather alerts or emergency alerts. Learn more at www.maineprepares.com.
- Know any pet restrictions at local shelters (size, species of pets allowed).
- Identify alternate evacuation destinations outside your immediate area such as:
 - Pet-friendly hotels/motels
 - Veterinary clinics/boarding facilities
 - Friends / relatives willing to help



HELP OTHERS

- Share what you have learned about pet planning with others – talk about how you can help each other.
- If your co-worker, classmate or neighbor doesn’t have an emergency pet plan yet, volunteer to help them make one.
- Take advantage of local volunteer opportunities. Perhaps you could volunteer at a local community shelter or join a Community Animal Response Team (CART) by contacting your local emergency management agency.
- Give cash donations if you want to help disaster survivors in Maine, the nation or the world. Cash is more flexible with meeting needs than ‘stuff’.

