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Helping animals through intervention, education, advocacy

AFTER THE DISASTER: IS YOUR CAT READY?

To prepare your cat for a natural disaster, store the following supplies and first aid items in a protected area, in a portable container such as a plastic bin or a trash can with a lid.

Make sure that your cat wears a break-away collar and ID tag at all times. Consider having a microchip ID implanted; contact your veterinarian for more information.

Supplies

- 1-week supply of your cat's food
- 2 gallons of water
- Plastic food and water dishes (non-spill design)
- Can opener
- Harness and leash
- Portable cat carrier with towel for bedding
- 1-week supply of any medicines your cat requires
- Photocopies of veterinary records
- Current photo of your cat
- A favorite toy
- Litter box and 10–20 lbs. of litter
- Paper towels, plastic bags, and disinfectant for cleaning litter box

First Aid Kit

- Gauze pads and bandages
- Roll of cloth tape
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Scissors
- Antibiotic ointment
- Petroleum jelly
- Tweezers
- Thermometer
- Cat first aid book

Transporting your cat in an emergency

- Plan ahead of time to make your evacuation with your pet quick and safe. Take your cat on short drives occasionally so it will get accustomed to being in the car.
- Make sure your cat is wearing an ID tag.
- To prevent your cat from running away or disappearing in the confusion when you're preparing to evacuate, put it in the carrier well before you leave.
- Keep your cat in its carrier or on a leash at all times while traveling.
- Avoid feeding your pet immediately before leaving. Traveling on a full stomach could cause vomiting or other problems.
- Offer water and rest stops every few hours during the trip. Use a harness and leash whenever your cat is out of its carrier.
- When you reach your destination, give your cat a quiet, safe place to rest. Allow it to adapt to its new surroundings for a while before offering food and water.

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