



PALO ALTO HUMANE SOCIETY

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AFTER THE DISASTER: IS YOUR SMALL MAMMAL READY?

To prepare your rabbit, guinea pig, hamster, or other small mammal 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.

Supplies

- 1-week supply of your animal's food
- 1-week supply of water
- Bowls for food and water
- Cat or dog carrier
- Ample supply of your pet's regular bedding material (enough for deep burrowing by small rodents)
- Litter box and litter

First Aid Kit

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

Transporting your small mammal in an emergency

- Plan and prepare ahead of time to make your evacuation with your pet quick and safe.
- Transport small pets in a sturdy container (resistant to chewing!) that is suitable for living in at a shelter or other emergency location.
- Cover the container with a towel to calm the animal during transport.
- Stop every few hours to offer the animal food and water.
- Keep the container in quiet, safe place.
- Keep rabbits and guinea pigs cool, rather than too warm.

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