

5 Animal Disaster Preparedness Essentials

1 Identify evacuation locations

- Find places that can accommodate your pet(s) if you must evacuate. Consider pet-friendly hotels, boarding kennels and/or loved ones.
- Practice loading your animals into their carriers and your vehicle

2 Microchip your pets

- Microchips are the single best way to reunite lost pets with families
- Update your microchip registration when you move, change phone numbers or get a new emergency contact
- Keep an ID tag on your pets' collars, too

3 Start a buddy system

- Exchange keys and disaster plans with a neighbor who can evacuate your animals if you are away from home when disaster strikes
- Give your buddy your pets' information and your emergency contact information

4 Assemble a disaster kit

- Assemble a kit for each animal in your household
- Keep the kit(s) near an exit so they are easy to grab in case of an emergency
- Turn over this card for tips on assembling a disaster kit

5 Take photos of you with your pet(s)

- Photos can prove ownership if you are separated from your pets
- Keep copies of the photos in your wallet and your disaster kit
- Give copies to a loved one who lives outside of your area

UAN's ***Animal Disaster Planning Handbook*** is a completely customizable booklet where you can keep all of the information, paperwork and photos you need for your animal disaster plan.

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Disaster Kit Checklist



Food

- A one-week supply in airtight, waterproof containers
- If using canned food, include a can opener and spoon
- Rotate food every two months to avoid spoilage



Water

- A one-week supply in airtight, waterproof containers
- Avoid storing in direct sunlight
- Rotate water every two months to avoid spoilage



First Aid/Medication

- Basic animal first aid kit and book
- At least a one-week supply of any prescription medication
- Heartworm and flea/tick preventative



Identification

- Photos of your pets that show any distinguishing features
- Photos of you with your pets
- Temporary "write-on" identification tag



Animal care supplies

- Collar and leash or harness
- Crate or carrier
- Collapsible food and water bowls
- Blanket, toys and treats



Cleaning supplies

- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Plastic bags or cat litter with litter trays

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- Find more disaster preparedness resources
- Get disaster kit supply tips for various species
- Order supplies and planning materials



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