

Preparing for Natural Disasters

A Pet Owner's Disaster Preparedness Checklist

Pet Name:

Many people count their pets as cherished family members, doting on them regularly and providing the best food, treats and toys that money can buy. Some pet owners even outfit their pets with clothes for every type of holiday and weather. So much love and planning goes into the daily care of a pet, but not everyone has a plan to ensure their pet's safety during a natural disaster.

Use Caring.com's Pet Owner's Disaster Preparedness checklist to make sure your best friend has everything they need in case of emergency.

- Have all cats and dogs microchipped, and ensure the information is kept up-to-date.
- Outfit dogs with ID tags listing their name and owner's contact number.
- Keep an updated list with the pet's medical information on the fridge.
- Always maintain a 7-10 day stock of pet foods and medications for use in an emergency.
- Ensure that there's enough bottled water on-hand to keep pets hydrated during a natural disaster.
- Pack an emergency ready kit with a 3-day supply of the pet's food, medications, a secure leash and collar or harness and a favorite toy.