

Small Animal Evacuation Kit Checklist

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Food and Water

- Food: Two weeks supply; place pellets in airtight containers (rotate every 3 months)
- Hay/Alfalfa (rotate every 3 months)
- Usual treats (rotate every 3 months)
- Water: Two weeks supply of water, estimate a quart a day. (store in dark place, rotate every 2 months)
- Food and water bottles
- Spoons and can opener, if necessary (Ferrets)

Restraint and Identification

- Extra harnesses with ID tags
- Leashes
- Towels
- Thick leather gloves (in case your pet is injured or very afraid)
- Pet carrier with the following information indelibly printed: your name; phone number; address; a description of your pet (distinguishing marks, age, breed, sex, etc.) the name of your pet; microchip ID or tattoo ID, if any; pet insurance policy number; and the address and phone number where you or a contact person can be reached if you are not at home
- Recent photographs with the same information that is on the pet carrier printed on back (keep in a waterproof container, e.g. inside several zip lock bags). Include yourself in some of the photos to help reclaim your pet, should it become lost.
- Wire, pliers, zip ties, and duct tape (to repair pet carrier)

Sanitation

- Small litter pan (if trained) and scoop
- Pine Shavings
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Disinfectant
- Garbage bags
- Plastic bags for holding waste (two weeks supply)

Care and Comfort

- Blanket/Pouch/Nesting Box
- Toys
- Hot water bottle
- Flashlight and batteries
- Grooming supplies
- Dental cleaning supplies
- Exercise ball
- Gnawing wood or block

Records and Medications (store in water proof container)

- Vaccination certificates (Rabbits)
- List of phone numbers:
 - Your veterinarian
 - Secondary veterinarians
 - "Pet-friendly" motels
 - Boarding facilities (Red Cross shelters **DO NOT** allow pets)
 - Emergency Clinic(s)
 - Microchip or tattoo database centers
 - Animal Poison control center(s)
 - Animal shelters in your area (in case you get separated from your pet)
 - Pet insurance policy number
- Copies of proof of ownership papers (registration information, adoption papers, proofs of purchase, and microchip/tattoo information to store in the evacuation kit). List each of your animals and their species/breed, age, sex, color, and other distinguishing characteristics.
- Medical records and/or list of medical needs, if your pet has a medical condition or is on medication.
- Two weeks supply of medication and any supplements/vitamins in a water-proof container (rotate every two months). Have chemical ice packs and a small, insulated cooler if medication needs refrigeration.
- If your pet is taking medication regularly, include that information on a separate ID tag
- If your pet becomes fearful during storms, sudden changes in routine, or separation from you, contact your veterinarian regarding calming remedies that could be included in your kit.
- First aid kit

A large plastic tub or garbage can with a lid can be used to store these disaster preparedness items for your pet. Tape a copy of this list to the inside of the cover for future reference. Include a calendar indicating when certain items should be/were replaced.

In addition to the items listed above, include anything you use for your pet on a daily (fresh fruit and veggies), weekly or monthly basis.

A good idea is to collect all the materials for your disaster preparedness kit, and then experiment by using only those items to care for your pet the next two weeks.

That way, you will easily find out if you need to include other items, or a larger quantity of certain things.

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