

# Emergency Preparedness for your Pup

It pays to have a disaster plan in place for you and your family — including your pets. You never know what to expect or how long an emergency will last. Check out these veterinarian-approved tips by Ann Eliopulos, DVM, to help ensure your dog's safety.



Make sure each dog wears an ID tag with your contact info



Take a photo of each dog, with identifiable markings clearly visible



For each pet, pack 3+ days of food and water in waterproof containers



Have crates, carriers, collars, harnesses and leashes ready to go



Refill your pet medications



Pack pet meds, medical records, adoption agreements, and registrations in waterproof containers



Pack a first aid kit — for people and pets — with scissors, bandage material, isopropyl alcohol, and antibiotic ointment



If possible, make sure your pet is microchipped and registered



To help keep your dog content, pack a few special toys and blankets or bedding



If you may have to evacuate, map out your evacuation plan as early as possible. And make sure it includes pet-friendly shelter locations.

