



# READY NEW YORK



## MY PET'S

## EMERGENCY



## PLAN



**NYC**  
Emergency  
Management



Place a color photo of you  
and your pet here. This can  
help reunite you in the event  
you are separated.

## MY INFORMATION

Please print. If viewing as a PDF, click on the  
highlighted areas to type in the information.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Pets are part of the family. As members of your family, they should be included in your emergency plan. Read on to learn how you can ensure your pet's safety during an emergency.



## MAKE A PLAN FOR YOUR PET



## GATHER SUPPLIES



## GET INFORMED

Download the **Ready New York: My Emergency Plan** to create an emergency plan for you and your family by visiting [NYC.gov](http://NYC.gov), or call 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115) to request a copy of the guide.

# 1 MAKE A LIST OF EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Before an emergency, make a list of emergency contacts. Keep a copy of this list in your pet's Go Bag.

Local Veterinarian:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Alternative Veterinarian:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Emergency Contact:

Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Boarding Facility:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Pet-Friendly Hotel:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Local Animal Shelter:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

# 2 DEVELOP A PLAN

Record important information about your pet so that you can easily access it during an emergency.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Birth date:		
Sex:		
Breed:		
Color:		
Eye Color:		
Distinguishing Marks:		
Allergies:		
Medical Conditions:		
Medications & Doses:		
Vaccination History:	Date	Details
Pharmacy:		
Address:		
Phone:		
Fax:		
Email:		

### PROPER IDENTIFICATION

- Dogs and cats should wear a collar or harness, rabies tag, and identification tag at all times. Identification tags should include your name, address, and phone number, and the phone number of an emergency contact. Dogs should also wear a license. For more information on licensing, call 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115).
- Talk to your veterinarian, call 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115), or visit NYC.gov to learn more about microchipping your pet. A properly registered microchip enables positive identification of your pet if you and your pet are separated.

Breed Registration #:

License #:

Microchip ID #:



# 3 KNOW HOW TO EVACUATE WITH YOUR PET

## EVACUATING WITH YOUR PET

Think about where you will go with your pet and how you will get there if you have to leave home during an emergency. In planning for an emergency evacuation:

- Arrange for family or friends outside of the affected area to shelter your pet.
- Identify animal-friendly hotels outside of the affected area.
- Talk with your local veterinarian, kennel, or grooming facility to see if they can offer safe shelter for your pet during an emergency.
- Create a Go Bag for your pet or service animal (See Pet Go Bag Checklist).
- Practice evacuation plans to familiarize your pet with the process and increase its comfort level.
- Know your pet's hiding places so you can easily find it during an emergency.
- Keep in mind a stressed pet may behave differently than normal and its stress level may increase. Use a muzzle to prevent bites. Also be advised that scared pets may try to flee.

## PETS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Pets in carriers are allowed on MTA subways, buses, and trains. When an evacuation order is declared, pets too large for carriers will also be allowed, provided those animals are muzzled and controlled on a sturdy leash no longer than four feet. The City will announce when this policy is in effect.

## A NOTE ABOUT PETS AND EMERGENCY SHELTERING

In the event that the City's emergency shelter system is open, and you cannot shelter your pet at a kennel or with friends or relatives outside the evacuation area, pets are allowed at all City evacuation centers. Please bring supplies to care for your pet, including food, leashes, a carrier, and medication. Bring supplies to clean up after your animal. Only legal pets will be allowed. Service animals are always allowed.

## TIPS FOR HANDLING SMALL ANIMALS DURING EMERGENCIES

### Birds

- Transport birds in small, secure carriers.
- Try to minimize temperature changes. Use a spray bottle for misting in hot weather and a hot water bottle for warming in cold weather.
- Try to minimize severe changes in noise and keep the cage covered to keep your bird(s) calm.

### Amphibians/Reptiles

- Transport amphibians in a water-tight plastic bag or plastic container with ventilation holes.
- Transport reptiles in a pillowcase, cloth sack, or small carrier, and transfer the pet into a secure cage as soon as you can.
- Use a spray bottle to keep pets cool and a heating pad or battery-operated heating lamp to keep pets warm.
- Try to minimize changes in temperature, lighting, and diet.
- Do not mix species.

### Other Small Animals

Small pets, such as hamsters, gerbils, mice, rats, and guinea pigs, can be transported using a covered carrier, cage, or secure box. To minimize stress, keep the carrier covered and attempt to minimize severe changes in temperature and noise.







### **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GET HOME TO YOUR PET**

Some emergencies may prevent you from returning home. In planning for such emergencies:

- Identify a trusted friend, neighbor, or pet sitter to care for your pet in your absence. This person should have a set of your house keys, be familiar with your home and pet, know your emergency plan, and have your contact information.
- Put stickers on the main entrances to your home to alert rescue workers of the number and types of pets inside. Update the information on the stickers every six months. Free Rescue Alert stickers can be ordered from the ASPCA.
- Keep a collar/harness, leash, carrier, and your pet's Go Bag in a place where they can be easily found.

Pets should have their own Go Bag – a sturdy, easy-to-carry container, such as a backpack or suitcase on wheels – that should be easily accessible if you have to leave your home in a hurry, and include the following items:

- A current color photograph of you and your pet together (in case you are separated)
- Copies of medical records that indicate dates of vaccinations and a list of medications your pet takes and why
- Proof of identification and ownership, including copies of registration information, adoption papers, proof of purchase, and microchip information
- Physical description of your pet, including species, breed, age, sex, color, distinguishing traits, and any other vital information about characteristics and behavior
- Animal first aid kit, including flea and tick treatment, and other items recommended by your veterinarian
- Food, water, and dishes for at least three days
- Collapsible cage or carrier
- Muzzle\* and leash
- Cotton sheet to place over the carrier to help keep your pet calm
- Comforting toys or treats
- Litter, litter pan, and scoop
- Plastic bags for clean-up
- Other items:


(\*Note: Nylon muzzles should only be used temporarily as they can restrict a dog's ability to pant).



Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Rx**  
MD: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 PUT TOGETHER A PET EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Include pet supplies in your own emergency supply kit – the set of supplies you need to survive in your home for up to seven days.

- Pet food. If you use wet food, make sure you have pop-up cans or a manual can opener on hand. Rotate food and water items every six months to avoid expiration.
- Water. Dehydration is a serious health risk to animals. Check with your veterinarian to see how much water your pet needs on a daily basis.
- Plastic bags, newspapers, containers, and cleaning supplies for dealing with your pet.
- Other items:






THANK YOU FOR PREPARING YOUR PET!  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## **NEW YORK CITY RESOURCES**

Unless otherwise noted, call 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, to TTY: 212-504-4115) or use NYC.gov to contact City agencies.

### **NYC Emergency Management**

NYC.gov/emergencymanagement  
@nycemergencymgt  
www.facebook.com/  
NYCemergencymanagement

### **Ready New York: My Emergency Plan guide**

NYC.gov/readyny

### **Ready New York Preparedness Info**

NYC.gov/readyny

### **NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene**

NYC.gov/health

### **Notify NYC – get free emergency alerts**

Get notifications that matter most to you.

Register by getting the free mobile application, visiting NYC.gov/notifynyc, calling 311, or following @NotifyNYC on Twitter





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## **Chinese**

311 NYC.gov/readyny

## **English**

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Ale nan sitwèb NYC.gov/readyny pou jwenn kopi gid sa a nan lang Kreyòl Ayisyen.

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## **Spanish**

Llame al 311 o visite NYC.gov/readyny para obtener acceso a este folleto en español.

## **Urdu**

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## **Yiddish**

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