Emergency!

Pet “Care Kit” Checklist

Consider storing these emergency items in a bag in your pet’s carrier. Be sure to write your pet’s name and contact information on the carrier as well. Emergency items should include:

- Extra collar/harness and an extra leash.
- Temporary tags — in case you need to add a new contact number to the tag.
- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make “Lost” posters); a photo of you with your pet can also be helpful for identification purposes.
- Phone numbers/contact info for your vet and microchip company, including your pet’s microchip number.
- Copies of important vet records, especially registration and rabies certificates.
- Three to seven days’ worth of canned (pop-top) food; it’s best to have small cans that can be used as one meal. If you want to store dry food, make sure to rotate it from your emergency bag regularly.
- At least seven days’ worth of bottled water for each person and pet; store in a cool, dry place and replace every two months.
- Your pet’s medications; ask your veterinarian for an extra prescription and rotate with the most recent medications to ensure they remain fresh and effective.
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect) and litter or pee pads.
- Paper towels, liquid dish soap, disinfectant cleaner.
- Disposable garbage bags for cleanup.
- Dog waste bags.
- Pet feeding dishes and water bowls.
- Blankets/towels.
- Pillowcase for cats; these make it quick and fast to capture and transport them.
- Written instructions for any special care needs that your pet may have.

In addition to food, water and medications, a complete “care kit” should include documentation to aid in the identification, care and relocation of your pet.

For more Emergency Preparedness information visit AlexandriaAnimals.org/animal-control/emergency-preparedness