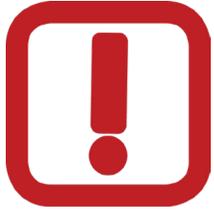


PREPARING PETS FOR EMERGENCIES



BE AWARE

Every member of your family should have a plan for an emergency, this includes your pets. The best time to start preparing your pets for emergencies is **NOW!**



BEFORE AN EMERGENCY:

- Know what kind of emergencies can impact the District by visiting ready.dc.gov/aware
- Ensure your pet's ID tag or microchip has their name and up-to-date information so you can be contacted if you get separated during an emergency.
- Keep a pet carrier, leash, or harness for your pet by the front door if you have to leave quickly.
- Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors or friends to make sure someone is available to care for your pet if you are unable to do so.

DURING AN EMERGENCY:

- Bring your pet inside immediately.
- Feed your pet moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink.
- Have extra newspapers for sanitary purposes.
- Have multiple pets? Separate your pets, if possible. Disaster-related stress may affect their behavior.

AFTER AN EMERGENCY:

- Don't allow your pet to roam loose. Familiar landmarks or smells might be gone, and your pet can be disoriented.
- Be patient with your pet. Get back to normal routines as soon as possible.
- If behavioral problems persist following an emergency, talk to your veterinarian.

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BUILD A KIT

An emergency kit is a container of items your family may need during or after an emergency. Your emergency kit should be in an easily accessible place. Be sure to consider seniors, children, and pets when preparing your emergency supply kit. For more information, visit ready.dc.gov/kit

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Canned/dry food for three to seven days (make sure you have a can opener)
- Water for three to seven days
- Pet food bowl
- Extra harness or collar and leash
- Extra potty pads, newspapers, waste bags, or pet litter
- Proper pet identification including health/immunization records
- A list of emergency contacts with phone numbers
- Current photos of you and your pet so you can prove ownership if they become lost
- A two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires
- Beds and toys to comfort your pets
- A first aid kit
- Paper towels and trash bags



STAY INFORMED

AlertDC sends you emergency alert and warning notifications from the District via email or text. Sign up now at alertdc.dc.gov



MAKE A PLAN

Having a plan is the most important way you can help yourself in the case of a disaster or emergency. ReadyDC shares tips on plans for family, seniors, people with disabilities and/or functional needs, pets, and home.



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