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Preparing for Emergencies
Information for Pet Owners.

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Preparing for Your Pets Makes Sense.
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Talk to your pet's veterinarian. Get your pet vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and microchipped. Take a picture of your pet and store it in a safe place. Include your pet's registration information, adoption papers, and vaccine documents in a waterproof container.

Know Your Types of Emergencies.

You may not think about your pet in an emergency, but they may be important to your safety and well-being. Be prepared for natural disasters, accidents, and other emergencies. Make a plan to get away, know what to do in an emergency, and have a supply kit for your pet.

Stay Informed.

Stay informed about local emergency preparedness resources. Create a plan to get away, know what to do in an emergency, and have a supply kit for your pet. Contact local animal control, SPCA, or emergency veterinary hospitals. Keep a copy of your pet's emergency information up to date and listed with a reliable recovery network.

Prepare Your Pets for an Emergency.

Your pet's supply kit should include a bandage, a first aid kit, and emergency medical supplies. Include a collar with ID tag, harness or leash. Your pet should wear a collar with ID tag always. Add a picture of you and your pet together.

Where You Will Be in a Flood.

Floods can change the landscape and affect your pet. Floodwaters can overwhelm your pet, knock it down, and make it difficult to escape. Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with ID tag and is carrying a supply kit. If your pet becomes separated from you, use a whistle or signal to help locate them.

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Get your pet ready for an emergency. Your pet needs to be healthy, vaccinated, and microchipped. Take a picture of your pet and store it in a safe place. Include your pet's registration information, adoption papers, and vaccine documents in a waterproof container.

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