

Preparedness Roundup

"Pet First Aid and Preparedness Tips"

Don't Forget Your Pet!

- Pets are important members of every household, so don't forget to include them in your disaster and emergency plans!
- Have a plan to take your pets with you if you're ever asked to evacuate. Be ready to board larger animals in an area well away from home.
- Most Red Cross shelters cannot accept pets because of health and safety concerns. If possible, try to locate several out of area hotels that allow pets; include these locations as possible destinations in your emergency plan.
- Assemble an easy-to-carry preparedness kit with emergency supplies for your pets. A good kit should include food, water, bowls, medication, leashes, and a pet carrier.
- Keep current photos of your pets in your family's emergency preparedness kit and on your cell phone. That way if your pets are ever lost during an emergency, you'll have a better chance of tracking them down.



#PetFirstAid #PetPreparedness @RedCross Shareable Pet Resources: <u>Disaster Safety Checklist</u> <u>Pet First Aid App (Video)</u>

* Consider sharing the contents of this slide with family, community members and local partners

SOURCE: Redcross.org and other external sources.



Pet First Aid App Features

- Convenient toggle between cat and dog content.
- Simple step-by-step instructions guide you through everyday emergencies in the palm of your hand.
- Prepare and protect your pet's health with advice on administering medication, time to say goodbye, behavioral help and how to act in a disaster situation.
- Early warning sign checker for preventive care.
- Learn first aid steps for over 25 common pet situations through a combination of text, video and images, in addition to identifying common toxic substances.
- Interactive quizzes allow you to earn badges that you can share with your friends along with a picture of your pet.



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