

Emergency Preparedness for Pet Owners

Pets are a part of your family! What would you do if you had to leave your home suddenly, or had to shelter-in-place for an extended period? Having an emergency kit for your pet will help ensure their well-being. This means having supplies to care for your pet while you are away from your home. You should also think about who could care for your pet, if you are unable to keep them with you.

Plan ahead and reduce anxiety in an already stressful situation.

- ❑ Have basic supplies for your pet set aside, and easily accessible, should you have to evacuate. This may include: a carrier or kennel, water, food, medications, pet waste bags, bedding material, leash, harness, muzzle, toys and blankets.
- ❑ Have copies of your pet's medical records and license(s), as well as photos of your pet in your emergency kit.
- ❑ Ensure your dog or cat is licensed and microchipped. Should your pet go missing, it is much easier to reunite pet and owner if the animal is wearing its license and has a microchip.
- ❑ Keep your pet's vaccinations up to date.
- ❑ Consider where your pet could stay if you are unable to keep them with you. Can your pet stay with a friend or family member? Have a list of pet-friendly hotels or boarding facilities prepared in advance.
- ❑ Have printed instructions about the care of your pet to ensure their well-being while in the care of others.
- ❑ Check with your pet insurance provider if your plan covers expenses related to evacuation. Some plans will cover kennel or boarding costs if you are displaced from your home and must place your pet in a kennel or other type of care.

During and after disasters

During a disaster, information on pet retrieval and other supports will be available on calgary.ca or by calling 311. For the safety of all citizens and first responders, do not attempt to enter evacuated areas during a disaster.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit calgary.ca/getready

