

## If you are evacuated

When registering your pet at a reception centre, temporary housing or placing your pet in care, you will need some or all of the following items. Make sure to add them to your pet's emergency kit.

- Active pet license with your municipality. If you are separated, this will assist in their return
- Collar, harness, leash, and muzzle
- Up-to-date I.D. (e.g. tattoo, microchip, collar with tags, etc.)
- Current medical and vaccination records, insurance information, and the name and number of your veterinarian
- Current list of medications, allergies, and food restrictions
- Current information on feeding schedules and behaviour concerns

Access for pets varies across the province. Not all reception centres accept animals. Make sure you have a back-up plan for your pet.

Emergencies and disasters can force people to evacuate without their pets and reuniting with them can be difficult.

If you must leave without your pet, increase their chances of survival by:

- Not confining them
- Not tethering them
- Leaving out lots of food
- Leaving out lots of accessible water (such as a full bathtub or large storage bin)

If time permits, leave a note on your door indicating the date and time you left, a number you can be reached at and the type and number of pets that have been left behind inside.

## Other important tips

- Set up a buddy system to make sure you have a pet-friendly neighbour, friend or family member you can rely on to pick up your pets if you are unable to return to get them.
- Add to your pet's emergency kit over time to lessen the strain on your schedule and wallet.
- Make an emergency pet plan that includes a pet-friendly contact list and emergency cash.
- Use the change in seasons as a reminder to update your kit. Check expiration dates on food, water and medications, and make sure important documents/records are up to date.
- Place a pet alert sticker on your door to let people know there are pets inside.
- If your pet is lost, contact emergency animal shelters, local animal rescues, veterinarians or animal control.

## Be ready. Stay informed.

To learn about the risks in your community contact your local emergency management office or visit [alberta.ca/GetSupplies](https://alberta.ca/GetSupplies)

For official disaster warnings and updates download the Alberta Emergency Alert App from the app store.

### For more information

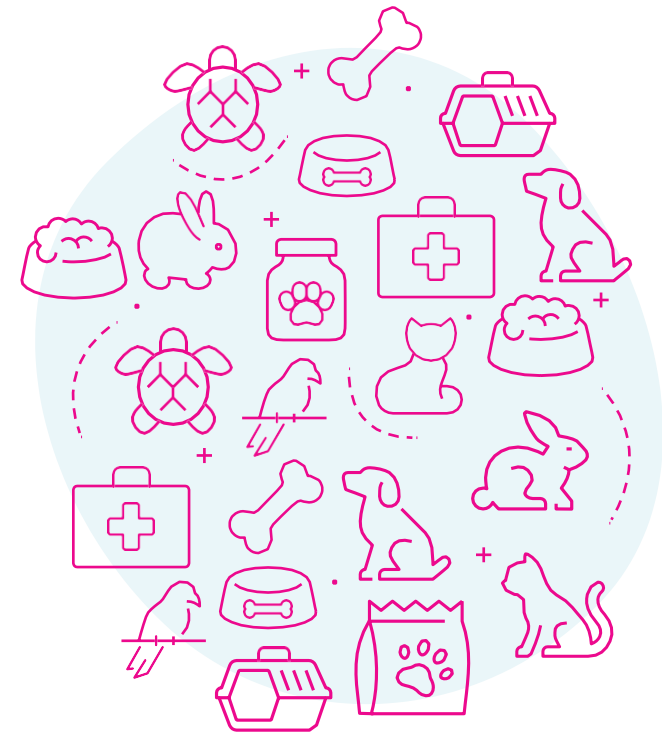
Check out the:

- Pet preparedness fact sheet
- Vehicle emergency kit
- Emergency kit

You can find more information about preparedness through [Alberta.ca/BePrepared](https://alberta.ca/BePrepared)

## Be prepared

### Emergency kit checklist for your pets



# Will you be ready in an emergency?

When dangerous situations arise, it's important to act quickly. Having an emergency kit for your pet can help reduce the stress of making important decisions in urgent situations.

Get ready by building a kit. Use these checklists to begin gathering supplies and building your pet's kit.

## Here's what to pack

**Personalize your kit to fit your pet's needs.**

### The Basics

- o Sturdy pet carrier or crate (labelled)
- o Pet first-aid kit and guide book
- o 7 - 14 day supply of food and water
- o Food and water bowls
- o Liquid dish soap, disinfectant and paper towels
- o Garbage bags/waste bags for clean-up
- o Extra collar or harness as well as an extra leash
- o Blankets, towels, and toys or other comfort items
- o Manual can-opener
- o Recent photo of you and your pet together (proves ownership)
- o 14 day supply of medications (stored in a waterproof container)

\* Use your pet's carrier to store their emergency supplies. Ensure it is clearly labelled and stored where you can find it easily.

### Pet Specific considerations

#### Dogs

- o Toys/comfort items
- o Treats
- o Muzzle
- o Leash and collar

#### Cats

- o Toys
- o Litter and tray (aluminum roasting pans work too)
- o Harness and leash

#### Birds

- o Cage or carrier; blanket to cover cage
- o Spray bottle to moisten your bird's feathers
- o If the carrier does not have a perch, line it with paper towels that you can change frequently.
- o Keep the carrier in an area that is as quiet as possible.
- o Consider buying a timed feeder. If you are separated, this ensures the feeding schedule is not interrupted.

#### Reptiles

- o Pillowcase or permanent housing for transportation
- o Soaking bowl and heating pad

#### Small Animals

- o Hamsters, gerbils, mice and guinea pigs should be transported in secure carriers with bedding materials, food and food bowls.

- o Salt lick, extra water bottle, and hide box or tube

\* Preparedness is different for every pet. Adapt this information to fit your pet's needs.

### Pet First Aid Kit

- o Muzzle
- o Protective/rubber gloves
- o Rubbing alcohol/antiseptic wipes
- o Hydrogen peroxide (3% strength)
- o Stretch bandage or vet wrap
- o Pen light
- o Blanket for transport
- o Cotton tipped swabs/balls
- o Adhesive tape, gauze squares, gauze roll
- o No stick sterile wound dressing
- o Antibacterial soap
- o Sterile rinse solution (saline, such as eyewash or wound flush)
- o Clean syringes (1cc and 5cc)
- o Splinting item (tongue depressor or popsicle stick for small pets)
- o Bandage scissors
- o Tweezers
- o First aid ointment or cream
- o Lubricating jelly or plain Vaseline
- o Corn syrup (for diabetic/low blood sugar)
- o Instant cold packs

\* Save money by using items from home. Build the kit over time by checking clearance aisles at your favorite stores for deals. If you prefer, pre-made kits are available to buy, but you'll still need to add items specific to your pet.

