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AFTER THE DISASTER: IS YOUR DOG READY?

To prepare your dog for a natural disaster, store the following supplies and first aid items in a protected area, in a portable container such as a plastic bin or a trash can with a lid.

Make sure that your dog wears a break-away collar and ID tag at all times. Consider having a microchip ID implanted; contact your veterinarian for more information.

Supplies

- 1-week supply of your dog's food
- 6 gallons of water
- Plastic food and water dishes (non-spill design)
- Can opener
- Leash and extra collar
- Portable dog carrier with towel or blanket for bedding
- Paper towels, plastic bags, "pooper scooper," and disinfectant for picking up after your dog and cleaning the carrier
- 1-week supply of any medicines your dog requires
- Photocopies of veterinary records
- Current photo of your dog
- A favorite toy

First Aid Kit

- Gauze pads and bandages
- Roll of cloth tape
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Scissors
- Antibiotic ointment
- Petroleum jelly
- Tweezers
- Thermometer
- Dog first aid book

Transporting your dog in an emergency

- Plan and prepare ahead of time to make your evacuation with your pet quick and safe.
- Make sure your dog is wearing a collar and ID tag.
- Keep your dog on a leash or in a carrier at all times while traveling.
- Avoid feeding your pet immediately before leaving. Traveling on a full stomach could cause vomiting or other problems.
- Offer water and rest stops every few hours during the trip. Use a leash whenever your dog is out of the car.
- When you reach your destination, give your dog a quiet, safe place to rest. Allow it to adapt to its new surroundings for a while before offering food and water.

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