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AFTER THE DISASTER: IS YOUR REPTILE READY?

To prepare your reptile 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.

Supplies

- 1-week supply of your animal's food (reptile food is preferable to dog food), cat food for reptiles that eat only protein, and baby food as a vegetable and fruit substitute for reptiles that need more nourishment than that provided only by protein (fresh vegetables and fruits are perishable)
- 1-week supply of water
- A portable heat source, such as a warm container with a heater (if a heater is not available, put your pet in a soft pouch and put the pouch in a pocket of your jacket) or Thermacare Heat Wrap that you break to activate—always place a cloth between the reptile and the source of heat because of the risk of burns

First Aid Kit

- Gauze bandages
- Q-tips
- Antiseptic ointment such as Neosporin
- Quickstop for bleeding
- Betadine solution

Transporting your reptile in an emergency

- Plan and prepare ahead of time to make your evacuation with your pet quick and safe.
- Snakes can be transported in a pillowcase or large sack, but must be transferred to more secure housing when they reach their destination.
- If your pet requires frequent feeding, have food available while traveling.
- Take a tray or bowl large enough to hold water for drinking as well as soaking.
- For lizards, offer fruits and vegetables high in water content. If fresh fruits and vegetables are not available, offer baby food.
- Keep your reptile's container in a quiet, safe place.
- Have your veterinarian's phone number available.

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