

# Don't forget your pet!

Make sure your household emergency plan includes **all** your loved ones.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit [ontario.ca/BePrepared](https://ontario.ca/BePrepared)

For more information on animals and emergencies, visit [OntarioSPCA.ca](https://OntarioSPCA.ca)

We need to  
be **prepared**  
for an  
**emergency** too





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## Pets and Emergencies

Pets are members of the household. Make sure to include your pets when developing your emergency plan. Making arrangements before an emergency will increase your pet's chances for survival and ability to cope. Assemble a pet emergency preparedness kit and be ready to take your pet and their kit with you in the event you have to evacuate.

## Pet Emergency Preparedness Kit Checklist

Prepare a pet emergency preparedness kit and keep it with your household kit. Be sure to check the expiry date of your contents twice a year.

Recommended items for dogs and cats:

- food, potable water, bowls, paper towel and a can opener
- blanket and a small toy
- sturdy leash/harness
- cat litter/pan (if required) and plastic bags
- carrier for transporting your pet
- medications and medical records (including vaccinations)
- current photo of your pet in case your pet gets lost
- information on feeding schedules, medical or behavioral problems in case you must board your pet
- up-to-date ID tag with your phone number and the name/phone number of your veterinarian
- copy of licence (if required)
- muzzle (if required)

Emergency kit supplies vary for different kinds of animals. Please contact your veterinarian or visit [OntarioSPCA.ca](http://OntarioSPCA.ca) if you have any questions.

## Pets and Evacuations

*If it's too dangerous for you to stay, it's too dangerous for your pet to stay.*

If safety permits, pets should not be left behind during an evacuation as they may be lost, injured, or even killed as a result of the emergency. Plan ahead to ensure that you have a safe place to take your pet.

- Find out about your municipality's evacuation centre locations and related pet policies.
- Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area and check their policy on accepting pets during an emergency.
- Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they could shelter your pet(s) during an emergency.
- Include your pet in any local or household emergency drills and exercises.

If an emergency occurs when you are not at home, you can still be prepared. Set up a buddy system with your neighbour. Make arrangements that in the event of an emergency and you are not home they will take care of your pet.



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