



# Pets are part of the FAMILY; include them in your disaster planning.

## For Emergencies When You Can't Get Home:



- Find a trusted neighbor and give her a key to your house or barn. Make sure this person is comfortable and familiar with your pets
- Make sure your neighbor is aware of your pets whereabouts and habits
- Create a pet emergency / disaster kit and place it in a prominent place where your neighbor can find it
- If the emergency involves evacuation, make arrangements well in advance for a trusted neighbor to take your pets and meet you at a specified location. Be sure the person is familiar and comfortable with your pets and they bring your emergency kit
- Ask if your pet sitting service will be available to help, but discuss this well in advance



## Don't forget pet supplies in your pet disaster kit! You should include:

- Food and water for at least 5 days for each pet, bowls and a manual can opener if you are packing canned food
- Medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container and a first aid kit
- Cat litter box, litter, garbage bags to collect waste and a litter scoop
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport all pets safely and to ensure that your pets can't escape
- Current photos and descriptions to identify your pets in case you become separated
- Pet bed and toys, if you can easily take them, to reduce stress
- Information about your pets' feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and phone number of your vet
- Other useful items include newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items and household bleach



## Find a safe, pet friendly place to stay before disaster strikes!

- Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets. Ask about any restrictions on number, size and species. Inquire if the "no pet" policies would be waived in an emergency. Make a list of animal friendly places and keep it handy.
- Call ahead for a reservation as soon as you think you might have to leave your home
- Look for pet-friendly hotels online: [bringfido.com](http://bringfido.com), [dogfriendly.com](http://dogfriendly.com), [doginmysuitcase.com](http://doginmysuitcase.com), [pet-friendly-hotels.net](http://pet-friendly-hotels.net), [pets-allowed-hotels.com](http://pets-allowed-hotels.com); [petswelcome.com](http://petswelcome.com), [tripswithpets.com](http://tripswithpets.com)
- Check with friends and relatives outside your immediate area. Ask if you and your pets would be able to stay with them in case of emergency

## ALWAYS REMEMBER PET ID!

It's always a good idea to have a collar and leash on your pet along with a tag with their name, your name and phone number. Pets who are microchipped are returned home more often than those with just an ID tag. Place on their tag, "I am microchipped!"



**Mailing Address:** PO Box 12, Carlisle, IA 50047

**Shelter Address:** 4521 SE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50320

**Telephone:** 515.285.PETS(7387) **Website:** [www.animal-lifeline.com](http://www.animal-lifeline.com)

**Thrift Shop:** 3304 SW 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50315 | 515.288.7197

# PET FIRST AID CHECKLIST

It's recommended to have one kit per pet or create one kit that includes enough supplies for all pets in the household.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3+ days supply of food                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Bags                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Harness / Leash                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra collar with tags                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Gauze                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Photos (In case you are separated.)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Adhesive Tape                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Carrier  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile Pads                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Copy of Medical Records                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brush   | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toys  | <input type="checkbox"/> Instant Cold Packs               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket   | <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip Information            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight  | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Scissors                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Dishes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer  | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Days Bottled Water             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Litter                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> List of Medications & Extra Meds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Litter Pans<br>(Aluminum pans work great!) | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding Schedule                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves  | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding Instructions             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Topical Antibiotic Ointment                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Name & Number of your vet        |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Name & Number of pet sitter      |

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# **PET POISON SITES/CONTACT INFORMATION**

## **Pet Poison Helpline:**

**855-764-7661**

**[www.pethelpline.com/posions/](http://www.pethelpline.com/posions/)**

## **ASPCA Poison Control:**

**888-426-4435**

**[www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control](http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control)**

## **National Pesticide Information Center:**

**800-858-7387**