

# BE PREPARED!



We urge pet owners to **prepare today** and help reduce the amount of stress you and your companion animal will go through when disaster strikes. Shelters and government agencies will be involved in disaster relief, but will not be able to care for all animals impacted by a disaster. **Are you and your pets ready?** How many of our six disaster prep boxes can you check as “completed?”

## KEEP PET ID CURRENT

**Ensure that your pets have up-to-date tags and microchips and keep two current photos of your pet on hand.** Pets with outdated tags (or no tags) cannot be reunited with owners. In addition to wearing a tag, your pet should be microchipped. This form of ID cannot fall off. You can “chip” your pet at either PHS/SPCA location, no appointment necessary, for \$30. When you move or change phone numbers, update your pet’s tag and microchip. Keep current photos of your pet, in case you need to post “Lost Pet” flyers, and create a one-page document describing his/her diet, medicines, unusual behaviors, aversions and distinguishing features.

## ESTABLISH TWO TRUSTED FRIENDS

**Establish two friends (one local, one out-of-the-area) who can help care for your pet in the event of a disaster.** These friends should be people you trust with a copy of your house key. The out-of-area friend should be willing to house your pet for up to a week. Human shelters (i.e. those set-up by Red Cross) cannot house pets.

## SECURE YOUR HOME INSIDE AND OUT

**Repair or replace loose fence boards or gates** before the big storm hits and earthquake-proof any tall furniture.

## FAMILIARIZE YOUR PET WITH A CARRIER OR CRATE

**Get your pets familiar with their crate or carrier.** You may need to use one to transport your pet during an emergency. If you associate the crate or carrier with something positive (i.e. trips to the dog park), your pet will be more comfortable when you need to use it.

## HAVE A DISASTER PREP KIT

**For you and your pet!** If you can’t help yourself, you won’t be able to help your pet. For ideas or more information, visit [www.72hours.org](http://www.72hours.org). Check out our pet supply lists on the reverse side of this flyer.

## PET FRIENDLY HOTEL LIST

**Keep a short list of pet-friendly hotels** where you live or where you plan to travel.



# PET SUPPLY LISTS

## PET'S FIRST AID KIT

- first-aid book
- tweezers
- gauze bandages and pads
- scissors
- adhesive tape
- hydrogen peroxide
- cotton swabs
- antibiotic ointment



## PET SUPPLIES

- plastic pet carrier/crates
- one-week supply of pet food
- water
- bowls for food and water
- plastic bags for waste
- disinfectants
- comb/brush
- leash
- can opener
- any/all regular medications
- blanket/bedding and towel
- pet's favorite treats  
(to entice when scared/stressed)
- newspapers/paper towels
- litter (for cats)

## REMEMBER

- Unvaccinated pets are at risk for contracting diseases when housed with other animals.
- Keep address/phone numbers of Emergency Clinics and pet-friendly hotels.
- Visit PHS/SPCA's intake shelter or your local shelter as soon as you and your pet are separated.
- When cats are caught up in disasters (i.e. an earthquake) they tend to hide, while dogs see an open door, or broken fence and flee.



Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

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