

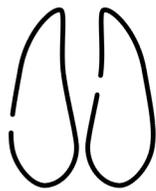
FURst Aid: Disaster Preparedness for Pets & Furry Friends

Disaster preparedness fundamentals

- Be informed about common disasters in your region.
- Stay informed by opting in to alerts and community notifications.
- Event “watch” vs. “warning.”
 - “Watch” means the conditions are right for this to occur: be prepared.
 - “Warning” means the event is imminent or already occurring: take action!
- Have a plan (see resource links on other side).

Considerations for all species

- Food and water.
- Medications.
- First aid kit.
- Veterinary records.
- Identification: ID tag on collar or halter or other creative option.
- Care instructions in case animal care has to be delegated.



Species specific considerations

- **Dogs.** Have a leash and crate ready for sheltering in place or evacuation.
- **Cats.** Create a safe, enclosed space they visit regularly, so you can catch them in case of emergency. For example: feed them in a crate or small room so they respond and go there with the sound of food.
- **Small animals and “pocket pets.”** Usually need extra supplies, like supplemental heating, for special husbandry needs. May require additional planning since evacuation shelters will vary in their capacity to support these species.
- **Farm animals.** Planning and preparation should include their pasture and hay storage areas. May include active management of things like tree limbs and drainage. For trailers: are they in working condition, and do you have what you need to load animals?
- **Poultry.** The bird flu situation is evolving and may impact evacuation options for poultry. If poultry are valued members of your flock, make plans A, B, and C.

Preparation and first aid kit resources

- **Dogs, cats and other small household pets.**
 - American Veterinary Medical Association: beav.es/iAy
 - American Red Cross: beav.es/idk
- **Large animals and livestock.**
 - American Veterinary Medical Association: beav.es/idZ
 - American Association of Equine Practitioners: beav.es/id4

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