

Pet Care During Disasters

Disasters impact everyone, including pets and service animals. There are several things you can do to help pets and service animals during a wide variety of incidents. For example, you can create a [pet supply kit](#) or develop a pet care buddy system. Other ways that you can [prepare your pet](#) or service animal for disaster are:

- Take a current photo of your pet for identification purposes;
- Have a secure pet carrier, leash or harness so your pet can't escape if panicked; and
- Make sure identification tags are up-to-date and securely fastened to your pet's collar.

If you evacuate your home, don't leave pets behind! You may not be able to find them when you return and they are unlikely to survive on their own.

Need to find a shelter? Be sure to plan in advance for shelter alternatives as some emergency shelters cannot accept animals. Find out which [hotels allow pets](#) in the area to which you plan to evacuate. You can also contact family or friends outside of your area who may be willing to host your pet.