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5 Simple Tips on Preparing your Family Pets for a Disaster

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Disasters can happen anywhere at any time. The public doesn't usually get a lot of notice before they happen.

Here are 5 simple steps that you can take to prepare your pets and reduce the level of stress during a disaster.

Tip #1. Get a Pet Emergency Supplies Kit.

Have it readily accessible and make sure it consists of at least the following items:

- Pet first aid kit that will cover your pet's emergency medical needs. If your pet has any special medical needs, be sure to include those items.

- Food (in water proof container) and water, 3-day ration.

- Collars with ID tags - make sure the information is current and updated. You might consider having a spare collar with ID tags.

- Safety harness and leash.

- Sanitation Items.

- Rescue Pet Decals - to alert rescue teams to save your pets inside the house.

- Comfort toys and blankets to take with your pets if you have to evacuate.

Tip #2. Pack a picture of your pets in case you get separated.

It will help rescue workers to identify and reunite you with your pets faster.

Tip #3. Get your pets familiar with their carriers or crates.

Usually, pets associate them with visits to the vet and become stressed at the first site of trouble.

Tip #4. Know your pets hiding places in and out of the house.

At the first warning of a disaster, you might consider putting them in one room in case you have to evacuate.

Tip #5. Have a Family Emergency Plan Ready:

- Map out a get-away plan: how you pack your pets, where you go.

- Check with the nearby shelters, veterinary hospitals, and hotels to see if they would accept your pets.

- Develop a pet care buddy system - arrange for friends or extended family to take care of your pets if you are unable to do so.

- Learn about various disasters that could strike your particular area. You might have to evacuate.

- If you have to evacuate, take your pets with you if possible.

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