

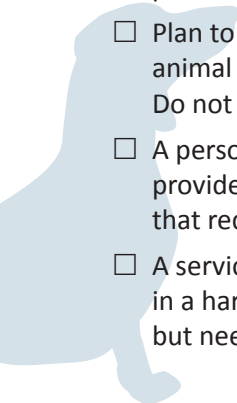


EMERGENCY PLANNING *for Your Pets & Service Animals*

Having a plan is the most important way you can help yourself in the case of a disaster or emergency. Every member of your family should have a plan for an emergency, this includes your pets. If you are a pet owner, consider the following to keep your furry family members safe before, during and after emergencies.

BEFORE	DURING	AFTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ensure your pet’s ID tag or microchip has up-to-date information so you can be contacted if you get separated during an emergency. ▶ Keep a pet carrier, leash, or harness for your pet by the front door if you have to leave quickly. ▶ Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors or friends to make sure someone is available to care for your pet if you are unable to do so. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bring your pet inside immediately. ▶ Feed your pet moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink. ▶ Have multiple pets? Separate your pets, if possible. Disaster-related stress may affect their behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Don’t allow your pet to roam loose. Familiar landmarks or smells might be gone, and your pet can be disoriented. ▶ Be patient with your pet. Get back to normal routines as soon as possible. ▶ If behavioral problems persist following an emergency, talk to your veterinarian. 

What To Know About People with Service Animals


- A service animal is not a pet
 - Do not touch or give the animal food or treats without permission of the owner
 - Plan to evacuate the animal with the owner. Do not separate them
 - A person is not required to provide proof of a disability that requires a service animal
 - A service animal must be in a harness or on a leash, but need not be muzzled
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Building Your Kit

Your emergency kit should be in an easily accessible place. Here is a list of items to include in your pet’s emergency kit.

- Canned/dry food for three to seven days (make sure you have a can opener)
- Water for three to seven days
- Pet food bowl
- Extra harness or collar and leash
- Extra potty pads, newspapers, waste bags, or pet litter
- Proper pet identification including health/immunization records
- A list of emergency contacts with phone numbers

TIP: Make sure to register your pet at dchealth.force.com/animalservices/s/

- Current photos of you and your pet so you can prove ownership if they become lost
 - A two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires
 - Beds and toys to comfort your pets
 - A first aid kit
 - Paper towels and trash bags
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For more information about Pet Emergency Preparedness visit dchealth.dc.gov/service/animal-services-emergency-preparedness or ready.dc.gov.
To stay up to date with emergency alerts in the District sign up at alertdc.dc.gov.