



# NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH PET WEEK

GET PREPARED. GET INVOLVED.

## Evacuating With Your Pet

- Make a **plan** with friends and relatives. **Practice** your plan.
- Identify a **safe place** for your pet to stay, like a shelter, hotel, or kennel.
- Have a **secure carrier** for each pet and a leash for each dog.
- **Pack a Go Bag** for your pet (see reverse for details).

## If You Cannot Get Home

- Make a **Buddy Plan**: Identify a trusted friend or neighbor to help your pet in your absence.
- Place stickers with pet information on windows and entrances to **alert rescuers**.
- Keep your pet's Go Bag where it can be **easily found**.
- **Update** your information and supplies regularly.

## Document Your Pet

- Keep your pet's **vaccines** current. Keep copies of the paperwork in your pet's Go Bag.
- Have a **recent photo** of you with your pet.
- **Register** your dog with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- Make sure your pet *always* has a collar with proper **identification tags**.
- **Microchip** your pet to help identify it in case you are separated.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Pet Go Bag Checklist

- Vaccine records
- Contact info for your vet and the people in your Buddy Plan
- Seven-day supply of medications
- Photos of you with your pet
- Collar with ID tag that has two contact numbers
- Treats and toys
- Blanket or towel
- Leash
- Secure carrier or muzzle
- Three days of food and water
- Clean up tools
- Litter and tray
- Dog license
- Microchip registration

## RESOURCES

### Preparedness Information for Pet Owners:

- **ASPCA Disaster Preparedness:**  
[www.asPCA.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness](http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness)
- **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Veterinary and Pests Directory:**  
[www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/browse/browse-animal.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/browse/browse-animal.shtml)
- **Dog Licensing Information:**  
[www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/vet/vet-doglicense.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/vet/vet-doglicense.shtml)
- **Humane Society of the United States Disaster Preparedness Resources:**  
[www.humanesociety.org/emergency](http://www.humanesociety.org/emergency)
- **American Veterinary Medical Association:**  
[www.avma.org/disaster](http://www.avma.org/disaster)

### Animal Assistance Groups:

- **Animal Care and Control of NYC:**  
[www.nycacc.org](http://www.nycacc.org)
- **Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals:**  
[www.animalallianceny.org](http://www.animalallianceny.org)
- **NYC Veterinary Emergency Response Team :**  
[www.NYCVERT.com](http://www.NYCVERT.com)

### Classes and Opportunities:

- **American Red Cross in Greater New York:**  
[www.nyredcross.org/](http://www.nyredcross.org/)

## Making a Buddy Plan:

- Exchange keys with your friend or neighbor and discuss how they will care for your pet.
- Make sure your buddy has a copy of vaccine records and vet information.
- Identify both a local and a long distance contact.