

# 26 WEEKS

## to Pet Emergency Preparedness

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>PORTABLE CONTAINER</b>
Get a large portable container with a lid to use as an emergency kit. A plastic storage bin or garbage can works well, particularly one with wheels. Choose an accessible location for the container near an exit and label the container. Make sure all family members know what it will be used for and where it is. You may also want to pack items into individual wheeled carts, knapsacks, etc. to make them easier to carry by individual family members.	
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>7 DAY SUPPLY OF WATER</b>
Stock your kit with at least a week's supply of water for every pet. It is best to plan for four litres of water per animal, per day — two for drinking and two for food preparation, spillage, cleaning, etc. You might consider the addition of water purification tablets.	
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>7 DAY SUPPLY OF FOOD</b>
Stock your kit with several varieties of appropriate foods – dry, moist (canned or pouch), livestock feed, hay, etc. If you have cans, include a manual can opener. Plan for at least a week's supply of food for each pet.	
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>OUT OF AREA PHONE CONTACT</b>
Arrange an out-of-area phone contact person, and keep this and other emergency phone numbers or email addresses in your kit and on your person. Get tags with this number for all pets.	
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>SUPPLIES</b>
Add pet supplies to your kit – e.g. poop bags, muzzle, litter and litter boxes, cage liners, cuttlebone, grit, beak conditioner, heat lamp, salt lick.	
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>CONFINEMENT</b>
Add a crate, carrier, tie out, ex-pen, cage, box, pillowcase, capture net, etc. to your kit.	
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>CARE</b>
Get grooming supplies for your emergency kit. Oatmeal works as a “shampoo” for a dry bath.	
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>LEARN ABOUT HAZARDS</b>
Know the hazards in your community. Find out if the area where you live is vulnerable to earthquakes, landslides, flooding, interface fires or other threats such as hazardous material spills. Ensure areas inside and outside the home are safe for you and your pets.	
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>PREPARE A FIRST AID KIT</b>
Prepare a pet first-aid kit that includes prescription medications, bandages, sterile gauze pads, tape, scissors, tweezers, antibiotic ointment and other items. Check the expiry date on medications, and rotate them regularly.	
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>SPECIFIC SAFETY TASKS</b>
To ensure evacuation, assign a family member to each pet. Print photos of the pets alone and with family for your kit. Date, label and include them in your kit. These will assist with identification for pet/family reunification.	
<b>WEEK 11</b>	<b>IDENTIFY SAFE PLACES &amp; RECEPTION CENTRES</b>
Identify safe places in your home and on your property. Plan where to take your pets in case of an evacuation alert or order. Know where your community may set up Reception Centres and Group Lodgings for evacuees and inquire about arrangements for pets.	

<b>WEEK 12</b>	<b>PET FRIENDLY LODGING</b>
Identify pet friendly lodging away from home and close to your regular spots (work, home and school).	
<b>WEEK 13</b>	<b>LIGHTING ALTERNATIVES</b>
Add a flashlight and extra batteries, along with candles and waterproof matches to your kit.	
<b>WEEK 14</b>	<b>COMFORT</b>
Add some treats and toys to your emergency kit.	
<b>WEEK 15</b>	<b>CHECK YOUR INFORMATION</b>
Check that ID tag, tattoo and chip registrations have current contact information. Buy or create a door sign for each entrance indicating the number and type of animals.	
<b>WEEK 16</b>	<b>PLASTIC AND PAPER SUPPLIES</b>
Stock your kit with large & medium-sized plastic garbage bags (orange/yellow make good visible signals). Large bags can also be used as ponchos, ground covers or blankets. Add plastic/paper dishes, bowls, utensils and duct tape.	
<b>WEEK 17</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES</b>
Add an extra leash, collar, harness, weather protection (jacket, ice boots), tarps, etc. to your kit .	
<b>WEEK 18</b>	<b>PET FIRST AID COURSE</b>
Enrol family members in a Pet First Aid Course.	
<b>WEEK 19</b>	<b>ASSEMBLE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS</b>
Create a pet passport – add vaccination and veterinary information to the photo ID. Make copies for your kit and store originals in a fireproof/waterproof container that will be accessible if your home is damaged. Keep a copy on various devices and with your contact person.	
<b>WEEK 20</b>	<b>CLEANING ITEMS</b>
Consider paper towels, hand wipes, soap, oatmeal (dry shampoo), parasite control, bleach and urine or stain control solutions.	
<b>WEEK 21</b>	<b>CALMING</b>
Add Rescue Remedy®, a ThunderShirt® or vanilla spray to calm a distressed pet. Include a piece of clothing with your scent on it. Add sheets or towels to cover cages or crates. Finally add a pair of thick leather gloves to handle a panicked pet.	
<b>WEEK 22</b>	<b>LARGE GARBAGE/DISPOSAL BUCKET</b>
Get a large bucket with a tight-fitting lid to use as a container for excrement and other waste, and put it with your emergency kit. A shovel may be used to bury waste.	
<b>WEEK 23</b>	<b>BEDDING</b>
Add pet bedding to your kit.	
<b>WEEK 24</b>	<b>MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS</b>
Meet with neighbours to discuss emergency preparations. Introduce your pets to the neighbours and vice versa. Leave a key with neighbours, so that your pets can be evacuated in an emergency. Ensure that the neighbours know where your pet emergency supplies are kept.	
<b>WEEK 25</b>	<b>EXERCISE YOUR PLAN</b>
Pretend a disaster has happened. Practice evacuating your pets and their gear. An evacuation order may give you several hours notice or as little as 10 minutes. What will you take?	
<b>WEEK 26</b>	<b>PREPARE YOURSELF</b>
Remember to prepare yourself. You can't care for a pet unless you are prepared and safe yourself!	

For more information about being prepared for a disaster, or becoming a trained disaster volunteer for animals, or if you want someone to speak to a group regarding the Disaster Animal Response Team during a disaster, please contact: **Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team**, Email: [info@cdart.org](mailto:info@cdart.org) or Phone: 778-227-0407

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