Pet Emergency Kit Checklist

A checklist to help pet owners stock a complete first aid kit and a disaster go-bag so they are ready for any emergency.

First Aid Supplies

- [ ] Gauze pads and rolls for wounds
- [ ] Non-stick bandages and adhesive tape
- [ ] Blunt-tipped scissors and tweezers
- [ ] Digital thermometer and disposable gloves
- [ ] Saline solution and a pet-safe wound cleaner
  Ask your vet what to add for your pet's needs

Medications & Health Items

- [ ] A few days of any prescription medicines
- [ ] Flea, tick, and parasite prevention on hand
- [ ] Written dosing instructions for each medicine
- [ ] Any supplements your pet takes
- [ ] A cool pack or pouch if medicine needs it
  Do not include human medicines unless your vet directs

Food, Water & Bowls

- [ ] Several days of food in a sealed container
- [ ] Bottled water for each pet
- [ ] Collapsible food and water bowls
- [ ] A manual can opener if using canned food
- [ ] Treats to reduce stress during an emergency

Records & Identification

- [ ] Copies of vaccination and medical records
- [ ] Microchip number and registration details
- [ ] A current photo of you with your pet
- [ ] Vet and emergency hospital contact details
- [ ] A list of medications and feeding instructions

Disaster Go-Bag

- [ ] A sturdy carrier or crate for transport
- [ ] Spare leash, collar, and ID tags
- [ ] Waste bags, litter, and a small litter tray
- [ ] A blanket, towel, and a familiar toy
- [ ] A flashlight and batteries for night use

Maintain the Kit

- [ ] Label the kit and store it where you can grab it
- [ ] Check expiry dates a few times a year
- [ ] Replace used or outdated supplies promptly
- [ ] Update records, photos, and medications
- [ ] Keep a copy of this list inside the kit

Important

- [ ] This checklist is general information for owners, not veterinary advice; a kit supports but does not replace professional care, so always consult a licensed veterinarian

  In any emergency, contact your vet or an emergency animal hospital immediately