



Your Pet's Emergency Kit Checklist

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- Dry food packed in labeled, zip-top bags and/or
- Canned pet food (check expiration date on can)
- Can opener, if needed
- Hay/grain for horses or other livestock
- Water – One gallon per pet per day for dogs and cats
- Important papers
 - Description of animal
 - Name
 - Species
 - Breed
 - Color
 - Sex
 - Age
 - Distinguishing features
 - Proof of vaccinations
 - Proof of Coggin's test for horses
 - Registration and licensing papers
 - List of possible emergency shelters within 50-mile radius
 - Animal shelters
 - Boarding facilities
 - Equestrian centers
 - Stables
 - Pet-friendly hotels
 - Current photo
 - Front and back of each animal in good lighting
 - Photo of family member(s) with pet to establish ownership
- Bedding, towels, blankets
- Bowls for food and water
- Cage, carrier or kennel for each pet
- Litter and litter box
- Trash bags
- Paper towels
- Muzzle (Even gentle pets can become aggressive if they are stressed or in pain. Soft, cloth muzzles are available at pet stores.)
- Brushes for long-haired pets
- Leash
- Extra collar, harness



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- First aid kit
 - Bandage material and non-stick wound dressings
 - Scissors
 - Claw clippers
 - Styptic powder
 - Diphenhydramine for allergic reactions (liquid or tablets).
 - Eye wash (Sterile saline, not contact lens solution.)
 - Cortisone cream
 - Triple antibiotic cream
 - Syringe with both tsp and ml markings
 - Hydrogen peroxide
 - Any current prescription medications
 - Probiotic, such as Lactobacillus
 - Pepto Bismol for diarrhea
 - Meclizine for motion sickness
 - Flea/tick preventative medication
- For horses and larger animals
 - Hoof care tools
 - Fly spray
 - Halters
 - Lead ropes
 - Pans
 - Buckets
 - Twitch
 - Leg wraps
- ID for your pet
 - Tags on collars for dogs and cats
 - Tags on halter for horses and other large animals
 - Microchip
 - Ear tags for cattle, which also utilize RFID technology
 - Permanent marker on shell or scales of turtle or other reptiles
 - Spray paint on hooves of large animals
 - Leg bands on birds
 - Tattoos
 - Brands for large animals