

# June is National Pet Preparedness Month.



## Make your pets part of your emergency plan.

**Since your pets rely solely on you for their safety and well-being, it is crucial that you include them in any emergency preparations you create for your home.** Here are some suggestions to keep in mind when you consider your pet's welfare in an emergency:

**Find a safe place to take your pets.** Finding which hotels and motels along your evacuation route will accept pets in an emergency is extremely important. Call ahead of time for reservations if you are preparing to evacuate so your pets have a safe place to stay in an emergent situation.

**Be prepared to house your pets separately.** In an emergency, there might be a chance you will have to house your pets separate from each other. Prepare to make multiple reservations for your pets in case one is full and cannot take multiple animals.

**Include your pets in your household evacuation drills.** Practice with your pets having them enter and travel calmly in their carriers. In the event of an emergency, you will want your pets to be calm and trained to be in their carriers without a problem.

**Create a Pet Emergency Kit.** We recommend you keep these items in an easy-to-carry bag or container in case of emergencies:

- Leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers for easy transportation
- Food, water, bowls, litter/pan
- Medications and copies of medical records
- A first aid kit
- Current photos of you with your pets in case of separation
- Pet beds and toys

**June is also National Microchip Month.** Also think about having your pet microchipped by your veterinarian so if you get separated from your pets, you have a better chance of locating them.

**Even though no one is ever completely prepared for a crisis, having a thorough and adaptable plan can really help keep you, your family, and your furry friends safe.**

For more information on pet preparedness month, check out the [Red Cross](#) website.