

## Pet Emergency Kit Checklist

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Keep a 72 hour kit and supplies handy for your pets. Make sure that everyone in the family knows where it is. The kit should be clearly labeled and easy to carry.

### Items to Consider

- Pet carrier or crate, ideally one for each pet
- Bottled water
- Pet first-aid kit and guide book (ask your vet what to include)
- 3-7 days' worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food (be sure to rotate every two months)
- Paper towel
- Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
- Disposable garbage bags/waste bags for clean-up
- Pet feeding dishes
- Extra collar or harness as well as an extra leash
- Blanket/towels
- Medication
- Recent photos of your pet (in case you are separated)
- Photocopies of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires (check expiry dates)
- Copies of vaccination records, I.D. tags, medical and insurance information

### Special Considerations

- Dogs:
  - Chew toy
  - Treats
  - Muzzle
  - Comfort item
- Cats:
  - Pillowcase or EvackSack, toys, scoopable litter
  - Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
  - Litter
  - Toy

- Birds:
  - Birds should be transported in a secure travel cage or carrier.
  - In cold weather, make certain you have a blanket over your pet's cage. This may also help reduce the stress of traveling.
  - In warm weather, carry a spray bottle to periodically moisten your bird's feathers.
  - Have recent photos available, and keep your bird's leg bands on for identification.
  - If the carrier does not have a perch, line it with paper towels that you can change frequently.
  - Keep the carrier in an area that is as quiet as possible.
  - It is particularly imperative that birds eat on a daily basis, so purchase a timed feeder. If you need to leave your bird unexpectedly, the feeder will ensure his daily feeding schedule.
- Reptiles:
  - A snake may be transported in a pillowcase, but you should have permanent and secure housing for it when you reach a safe place.
  - Take a sturdy bowl that is large enough for your pet to soak in. It is also a good idea to bring along a heating pad or other warming device, such as a hot water bottle.
  - Lizards can be transported like birds (see above).
- Small Animals:
  - Hamsters, gerbils, mice and guinea pigs, should be transported in secure carriers with bedding materials, food and food bowls.
  - Items such as a salt lick, extra water bottle, small hidebox or tube, and a week's worth of bedding.

*For more information on hazards in Alberta, contact your municipality's Director of Emergency Management of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency at 780-422-9000 (Dial 310-0000 for toll-free access outside Edmonton) or visit [www.aema.alberta.ca](http://www.aema.alberta.ca).*