

HOUSEHOLD PET EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Northern Canada frequently faces various disasters such as wildfires, floods, and Arctic weather events. It is crucial for animal owners to have an emergency plan ready to respond to these situations. Here are guidelines on how to prepare and evacuate with your animals.



● UPDATE IDENTIFICATION

Make sure your pets are wearing proper identification at all times; this includes animals who don't normally go outside. Having your pet microchipped can also help identify them in the event they become lost. It's a good idea to include your cell phone number plus the phone number of a friend or relative outside your immediate area in case your pet is lost and you aren't at home.

● PACK AN EMERGENCY KIT

Keep basic animal supplies ready to go at a moments notice. Consider crates, food, bowls, leashes, sanitation supplies, records, tie-outs and anything else you need for normal care.

● CRATE TRAIN

Make sure your pets are comfortable with going into a crate by doing regular training sessions with treats. Also, if you own multiple pets, be sure that you're able to transport all of your pets at the same time. Mark crates with your pets' names and your contact information.

● RESEARCH WHERE TO GO

Evacuation routes may be very limited depending on your community. Research routes to safe spaces, which may include houses of friends or relatives. Speak with fire officials about good evacuation areas that may be safer from wildfires. Understand that some fires may begin close to home and give you limited time to react.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

✓ BRING ANIMALS INDOORS:

Consider bringing animals inside to protect them from Arctic weather and smoke inhalation.

✓ IN CASE YOU'RE AWAY:

Make arrangements in advance with a trusted neighbour (who is comfortable with your pets and knows where in the home they are likely to be) to take them and meet you at a specified location. Keep a sticker or homemade sign by your front door to let first responders know what pets are inside.

✓ LEAVE EARLY AND TAKE YOUR PETS:

When evacuating your home, one of the most important things you can do is to take your pets with you, as you may be forced to stay away longer than anticipated. In addition, leave early and don't wait for mandatory evacuation orders — if emergency officials have to evacuate you, you might be told to leave your pets behind. Also, your pets will be less stressed if they are with you when evacuated versus being evacuated by a rescuer later.

PREPARE AN ANIMAL EMERGENCY KIT

Put the following supplies in a waterproof container and keep with your crate(s):

- Three or more days' supply of food and water, as well as bowls.
- A crate or other portable housing for your animal(s).
- Medications and medical records, if available.
- Extra leashes and collars.
- Blankets or bedding and toys.
- Sanitation items, such as poop bags or a litter box with litter, or similar items depending on your animal.
- Photos and descriptions of each pet (printed in case your phone doesn't work).
- Pet first aid kit.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit your community pages and social media sites for more information about active events.

Remember: In case of a flood, fire, arctic storm or other disaster, your animals will rely on you to help them escape. The more prepared you are, the safer you and your animals will be!



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