

Prepare Your Pet

RECIPE FOR DISASTER

What WILL it take...for you to prepare your pet for an emergency?

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. We're also due for a major earthquake. Chances are, when an earthquake hits Victoria, you'll need to rely on neighbours or friends to safely evacuate your pet. Having an evacuation plan and a Pet Disaster Kit can save your pet's life.

During and immediately after an earthquake, your pet can experience trauma and anxiety. Check your pet for injuries and keep him/her confined as aftershocks may occur. Check fencing for damage before putting your pet back into your yard. And be prepared to care for cut paws due to broken glass.

What to do during an earthquake?

DROP! COVER! AND HOLD! until the shaking stops.

Don't wait for an emergency to happen.

There are simple things you can do to protect your pet before an emergency occurs. This recipe will help stock you with the knowledge, basic supplies and a plan to help you care for and protect your pet for up to one week in the event of a disaster. It's about having the right stuff when you need it most.

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What it WILL take...

for you to be emergency prepared for your pet or service animal. A recipe that makes for a helpful Pet Disaster Kit that your furry or feathered friend will appreciate! Best of all, it will help comfort and keep your pet safe in the event of a disaster. To stretch this recipe for more days, add more food and water.

For thirst and hunger

- enough bottled water to last 1 week
- dry or canned pet food and treats to last 1 week
- 2 bowls, spoon, plastic lid for canned food

For sanitation

- paper towels, dish soap, disinfectant
- plastic bags for waste

cats: scoop, litter, litter pan

hamsters/gerbils, birds, lizards: secure cage, bedding materials, food bowls and water bottles

snakes: pillowcase for evacuation, water bowl for soaking, heating pad/extension cord

Hints:

- Have a plan to evacuate your pet and rehearse it. Know your pet's hiding places.
- Make sure to keep your Pet Disaster Kit in an easy to access place.
- Develop a buddy system with neighbours to make sure someone is available to evacuate your pet.
- If you evacuate your home, try your best to bring your pet with you.
- If you can't find your pet, leave out food and plenty of water in a bowl that can't be tipped over.

Recipe for Disaster

Preparation Time: 3 hours approx.

Serves: Your pet for up to 1 week

Tip: Organize materials and purchases over 1 – 2 months

Hint: Prepare in advance

For comfort and safety

- extra collar, leash and/or muzzle and outdoor coat if required
- carrier, cage or crate so you can move your pet safely and securely
- grooming supplies (brush, comb, clippers, eye and ear cleaner, cotton pads)
- thermal blanket and towel
- favourite chew and throw toys
- current photos and "lost" posters to help identify your pet
- emergency contact information and vaccination records

Note: Lost pets can be difficult to reunite with their families after a disaster. Keep vaccinations and licence tags up to date for your pet. Consider having your vet implant a microchip or tattoo your pet for easy identification.

Combine all ingredients and place in an easy to carry bag and store near the main exit of your home. Prepare a Pet Disaster Kit for each pet. Check food and store-bought bottled water for expiry dates and rotate every three months.

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