

EMERGENCY PET SUPPLY KIT

Pet owners should prepare an emergency supply kit for their animals ⁹. This includes arranging a place for them to stay if you need to leave your home. The most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them ⁴.

- Pet food and water
- Pet medication
- Carrying crate
- A photo of your pet
- Food or water bowls
- Collars and leashes
- Medical records
- Identification tags
- Vaccination tags
- Pet description
- A blanket or towel
- A soft muzzle

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PET FIRE SAFETY



Protecting your companion,
Safeguarding your home.

PET FIRE SAFETY: A NATIONAL PROBLEM

Every year, more than **500,000 pets** are affected by fires ¹. Additionally, nearly **1,000 fires** are started each year by homeowners' pets ². However, many of these fires are completely preventable.

With a small amount of preparation, you too can prevent pet-started fires and protect your pet during a fire.



PREVENTING PET-STARTED FIRES



Secure your cords ³

Cats are usually interested in playing with items resembling string. Keep any electrical cords out of your pets reach.



Extinguish any open flames ⁴

Do not leave lit candles unattended. Cats are notorious for dragging their tails through a flame. Consider electric candles.



Use monitored detectors ³

Monitored smoke detectors alert a call to dispatch help. A few extra minutes could save your pet's life.



Stop kitten around

Secure puppies and kittens to a confined area in order to reduce the risk of inviting potential hazards.



Use ceramic not glass

Leaving clear glass water bowls on outdoor wooden surfaces could create a lens with the sunlight and potentially start a fire.

If you're away:

- **Identify your pets**
Make sure your pets wear a collar with identification tags and have a registered microchip implanted. ⁵
- **Every pet owner needs a cling-on**
Display a visible window cling with pet information so that firefighters can find your pets quickly. ⁶
- **Fire escape for Fluffy**
Provide animals with a getaway in the form of a pet door. Leave your pets in an area near an exit before leaving the home. ⁷

If you're home:

- **Pair off**
Decide which family member will be responsible for each pet and create a fire escape plan.
- **Hide and Seek**
Remember your pet's favorite hiding places. During a fire, they will more than likely be terrified. ⁸
- **Keep them close**
To prevent your pets escaping, use leashes or carriers to safely transport your companion.