

# Pet Evacuation Kit Recommendations:

## The Best Tips for Caged or Tanked Pets

### by Pawsome Pet Care

- **Food:** Have 7-10 days' supply of appropriate food for each pet in an airtight, waterproof container. Remember to consider if it'll be seeds, pellets, flakes, etc. Have 1 food dish per animal, if applicable. Preferably non-spill bowls/dispensers.
- **Water:** Have 7-10 days' supply of water for each pet and a water dish/dispenser.
- **Medicine:** Have 7-10 days' supply of any medication your pet(s) take on a regular basis inside a waterproof container.
- **First Aid Kit:** Talk with your veterinarian about what the most essential supplies are for your pet(s) emergency medical needs. Include your veterinarian contact information for each class of pet (i.e. fish, bird, rodent, reptile, etc.)
- **Medical Records:** Have copies of important documents & most current vaccine info—if it can be accessed electronically, even better. Have access to any medical histories, any special dosing instructions, and any dietary requirements.
- **Photos:** Have access to recent photos of each pet(s). This will help when searching if the pet goes missing & will help prove ownership of the pet when found. Be sure any distinguishing markings on the pet(s) are visible in the photos.
- **Portable Carrier:** Ideally 1 for each pet, if applicable. Consider that your pet(s) might be at an evacuation center for multiple days. Think “airline approved carrier” in case they must spend a lot of time in it. Consider labeling with your info.
- **Harness & Leash:** Have 1 leash & harness for each animal—if possible. It's best if these are brightly colored/reflective for increased visibility. Harnesses are best for the animal's safety & allow smaller critters the ability to “get out & move around” with control. Harnesses exist for household birds, rodents, & reptiles.
- **Specialized Items:** These are items specific to the needs of the pet(s). Consider any heating lamps (battery-powered?), special lightbulbs, heating pads, water dish to soak in, hot water needs, a blanket/cage cover, temperature sensor, etc.
- **Sanitation Items:** Be sure to include any pet litter & litter items (if appropriate), like wood shavings, newspaper, paper towels, plastic trash bags, and household chlorine bleach/disinfectant.
- **Familiar Items:** At the moment of evacuation, if time allows, put any favorite treats, toys, bedding, etc. in the kit. Familiar things can help reduce stress for your pet(s).

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