



SAFETY TIP

Information about *Pet Go Bags* from Martinez Area CERT

Get your entire family to safety.

Pack a Pet Go Bag.

Most disasters are unexpected and happen fast. You might not have time to shop, or even to pack. A little preparation now will avoid stress and critical time delays during an emergency or disaster. Pets are important family members, and their needs should be considered in your family's emergency plans. Use a duffle bag or backpack to hold the items. Keep your Pet Go Bag in an easily accessible place. Take the time now to practice carefully placing your pet into their carrier. Keep a Pet Emergency Card (one is provided below) in your wallet in case you and your pet are separated. Summer celebrations can present safety challenges for your pets too – read the summer safety tips to increase your awareness.

What's in a Pet Go Bag? *Adjust for your pet's specific needs.*

- ✓ pet carrier
- ✓ leash/halter/harness
- ✓ water
- ✓ bowls
- ✓ blanket
- ✓ toys
- ✓ treats
- ✓ medications
- ✓ 3-7-day supply of food
- ✓ current photos of your pet with you/your family
- ✓ vaccine records
- ✓ waste disposal bags
- ✓ pet ID chip info
- ✓ contact info of vet – use the one on the back of this flyer
- ✓ first-aid kit: sterile non-adherent dressing, self adhering elastic bandage, pet first-aid manual, tweezers, antihistamine, alcohol swabs, triple antibiotic ointment, antiseptic wipes



Have a Pet Go Bag ready to go.

Tips

1. **Carriers.** Try feeding your pet in their carrier so they get used to being in it.
2. **Maps.** Local maps of your area may be very useful in an emergency.
3. **Can opener?** If your pet food is canned, be sure to pack one.
4. **Flash Drive.** Pet documents (and yours) can be store on a flash drive.
5. **Neighbors.** Trust a neighbor with a house key and where your Pet Go Bag is stored.

PLEASE HELP MY PETS



I have pets in my home waiting for me. If for any reason I am unable to return home to care for my pets, please notify any of the persons listed on the back of this card.

Thank you.

Evacuation & Shelter

Animals left behind in a disaster can easily be lost or injured-- take them with you. Practice evacuating in the car with your animals so they're familiar with their carrier case and more comfortable if you need to evacuate in an emergency. Find out in advance where you can take your pets when an emergency happens:

gopetfriendly.com



For more preparedness information and free training opportunities, visit your Martinez Area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) at martinezcet.org



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Plan. Connect. Protect.

If you have a plan in place for you and your pets, you will likely encounter less difficulty, stress, and worry when you need to act quickly during an emergency. Register at [Smart 911](#) to get vital safety alerts and inform first responders of your personal profile, including information about your pets.

Have an evacuation plan for your pet. Many shelters/hotels do not allow pets inside, some do. Do your research now. Visit [gopetfriendly.com](#).

Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Keep a Pet Emergency Card in your wallet. Consider leaving an extra house key with a trusted friend or neighbor so they may evacuate your pets.

Have your pet microchipped. Make sure to keep your address and phone number up-to-date and include contact information for an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.

Contact your local emergency management office, animal shelter, animal control office, or visit [ready.gov/pets](#) to get additional advice and information. Prepare now and keep for pets safe.



Veterinary Information

VETERINARY CONTACT NAME

PHONE

ADDRESS

EMAIL

MEDICATIONS

Pet emergency wallet card (back)

Other useful items for your pet kit include

- newspapers
- paper towels
- plastic trash bags
- grooming items
- household bleach
- pet shampoo wipes
- kitty litter box, scoop, & litter

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