

ALASKA: READY PETS

PET PREPAREDNESS

Estimated Completion Time

This presentation can be customized to fit your needs and time allowance. Ideally 45 - 60 minutes.

- 45 minutes = 30 minutes of presentation and 15 minutes of questions
- Or this could be added to the Alaska Ready Together Power Point.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this presentation the audience will be able to:

- Identify the roles and responsibilities for pet preparedness
- Explain why it is best to be prepared
- Explain the 3 priorities 1. Prepare 2. Plan 3. Stay Informed
- Undertake personal pet preparedness actions
- Address specific needs pets might have

The topics that will be discussed in this unit are:

- Introductions and Overview
- Pet Preparedness
- Preparing your Emergency Plans
- Developing a Pet Emergency Preparedness Kit
- Pet Medical Plans and Important Contact Information
- Be Informed and How to Stay Informed

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MY PET EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN



Alaska: Ready Together
Preparing for Emergencies & Disasters

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This pet emergency plan presentation outlines common sense measures pet owners can take to start preparing emergencies before they happen. Emergency Preparedness makes sense especially for your furry loved ones at home that cannot take care of themselves during an emergency. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan that fits those needs, you and your loved ones can be better prepared.

Preparing a Pet Emergency Plan



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The likelihood that you and your furry family will recover from an emergency tomorrow often depends on the planning and preparation we do today. While each person's abilities and needs are unique, every individual can take steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies from fire and floods.

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Step for Preparedness

- Prepare-** Build a pet emergency supply kit
- Plan-**How to take care of your pets in an emergency
- Stay Informed-** Know about types of emergencies in your community and how to stay informed of changing conditions.

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The 3 Steps to Take

This presentation will show pet parents exactly what to do in case of a natural disaster. It will provide information on making life-saving decisions during natural disasters.

Here are a few steps on how to prepare your furry kids for emergencies and natural disasters.

Building Your Pet Emergency Supply Kits



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Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the emergency the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, particularly food and water. Consider two kits. In one, put everything you and your pets will need to stay where you are. Plus, be sure to review your kits regularly to ensure that their contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh. The other kit (A Pet Go Kit) should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you and your pets have to get away quickly.

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Pet Emergency Checklist

- Always have a collar with ID, license, and shot records
- Store current shot and health records in a waterproof container, such as a freezer bag
- Food and water bowls with enough food and water for seven days. Remember: keep the food and water in a watertight container
- Plastic bags to dispose of pet droppings and other waste
- Current photo of your pet
- Microchipping information

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Build your own kit specific to your pet's needs.

Food- Keep at least 7 days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.

Water- Store at least 7 days of water specifically for your pets in addition to water you need for yourself and your family. A portable self-contained water bowl is a good idea.

Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.

A copy of shot records will be needed if you go to a shelter.

In addition, place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container and also add them to your kit. You should also consider talking with your veterinarian about permanent identification such as microchipping, and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.

Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.

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Pet Emergency Checklist

- Leash
- Toys
- Medications
- First Aid kit
- Grooming supplies
- Paper towels/wet wipes
- Cat litter and litter box
- Pet carrier with plenty of bedding
- Manual can opener for canned food

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- Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs. Most kits should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Include a pet first aid reference book.
- If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.
- In many cases, your ability to evacuate your pets will be aided by having a sturdy and safe carrier ready for transporting your pet. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.

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Taking Care of Your Pets in an Emergency

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PLAN



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- Plan how you will assemble your pets and anticipate where you will go. If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if practical. If you go to a public shelter, keep in mind your animals may not be allowed inside.
- Secure appropriate lodging in advance depending on the number and type of animals in your care. Consider family or friends willing to take in you and your pets in an emergency. Other options may include: a hotel or motel that takes pets or a boarding facility, such as a kennel or veterinary hospital that is near an evacuation facility or your family's meeting place.
- Find out before an emergency happens if any of these facilities in your area might be viable options for you and your pets.

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Gather Contact Information for Emergency Animal Treatment

PET CONTACT INFORMATION

VETERINARY- _____

KENNEL- _____

PET HOTEL- _____

EVACUATION SHELTER- _____

PET HOSPITAL- _____

ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER- _____

FAMILY MEETING PLACE- _____

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- Make a list of contact information and addresses of area animal control agencies including the SPCA, and emergency veterinary hospitals. Keep one copy of these phone numbers with you and one in your pet's emergency supply kit.
- Get the names of vets or veterinary hospitals in other cities where you might need to seek temporary shelter.
- If you anticipate needing assistance during a disaster, make a list of family, friends and others who will be part of your pet emergency preparedness plan. Share each aspect of your emergency plan with everyone in your group, including a friend or relative in another area who would not be impacted by the same emergency who can help if necessary. Make sure that someone in your personal support network has an extra key to your home and knows where you keep your emergency pet supplies.

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Be Informed & Stay Informed

- TV
- Radio
- Social Media
- Emergency and Disaster APPS



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In any emergency, local authorities may or may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet for instructions. If you're specifically told to evacuate, shelter-in-place or seek medical treatment, do so immediately. This is why it is so important to be prepared with a go kit for you and your pets as you may have to evacuate in a moment's notice.

APP Options- FEMA, Ready.gov, Red Cross, National Weather Service, NOAA, EAS (Emergency Alert System), and ASPCA.

Fema App – will receive alerts from the National Weather Station, get safety reminders to customize your pet emergency checklist, and locate open shelters.

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA App)-This free app shows pet parents exactly what to do in case of a natural disaster. It also allows pet owners to store vital medical records, and provides information on making life-saving decisions during natural disasters.

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Keep Us Safe



BE PREPARED- HAVE A PLAN- STAY INFORMED

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Those who take the time to prepare themselves and their pets will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry. Take the time now to get yourself and your pet ready.

Questions?



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