

# Shopping for your pet

## CATS

### 1. FOOD

- Use the brand that your cat is used to
- Have both dry and canned (if that is what your cat normally eats) to last at least one week for each of the cats in your household
- Buy cans small enough to be used at one feeding since you may not have a way to properly refrigerate a partially used can of food -if possible use pop top cans so you do not need a can opener (if not available be sure to have a can opener in your supplies).
- Rotate the food so it remains fresh
- Include a feeding dish, in case the one you usually use is destroyed or lost
- Include a spoon to scoop/mix the food



### 2. WATER

- Have enough water to last at least one week for each of the cats in your household (one gallon per day)
- Rotate the water so it remains fresh
- Include a water dish, in case the one you usually use is destroyed or lost



### 3. SANITATION

- Have a small litter box and litter scoop in your supplies
- Have a supply of scoopable cat litter to last at least one week
- Have some plastic bags for disposing of your cat's waste

### 4. CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Small container of dish soap for cleaning your cat's dishes
- Paper towels for drying dishes and for other cleanup

### 5. COLLAR AND TAG

- A proper fitting collar and tag should be kept on your cat at all times, but an extra one should be kept, in case the permanent ones get lost during a disaster.
- Have a spare temporary tag in your supplies that you can write on if you are going to be living somewhere else for a period of time, put the temporary phone number and address on the tag.
- Keep a proper-fitting cat harness to be used when you walk your cat. This is a stressful time for pets too, and a frightened animal can slip out of a collar but not a harness.



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## 6. LEASH

- You should keep in your supplies a leash or harness for walking your cat. The expandable kind is good, especially if your cat is not used to being walked (do not use the leash without supervision).

## 7. CONFINING YOUR CAT

- Have a plastic airline crate or a collapsible wire crate to transport your cat should you have to evacuate and/or keep it in following the disaster – be sure the cage is large enough for your cat to lie down and have room for a food and water dish.



## 8. IDENTIFICATION

- Consider micro-chipping your cat as a more permanent means of identification
- Keep current photos of your cat. Always include photos of you and your dog to prove ownership.
- Keep copies of your cat's registration or adoption papers
- Photograph any identifying markings
- Keep several generic lost posters. Make sure they are brightly colored and kept in waterproof bags or containers, so if it rains, they are not ruined.
- Keep ID tag on animal at all times.



## 9. FIRST AID KIT

- Have a basic first aid kit, along with a first aid book for cats
- Flea/tick prevention
- Include a muzzle, in case your cat is injured

## 10. MEDICATION

- Have a one-week supply of any long-term medication your cat is taking. Rotate every 3 months so it remains fresh
- Medical records

## 11. FAMILIAR ITEMS

- Include toys, treats or bedding that may comfort your cat

