

Everyone should have an Emergency Pet Survival Kit

Written by Brian Adam

Saturday, 27 January 2018 11:29 -



In light of this week's Tsunami Alert issued for Vancouver Island, the OSPCA reminds everyone to have an Emergency Pet Survival Kit at the ready, at all times. Here in Ontario, we're personally responsible for our own safety and survival during the first 72 hours of an emergency. The responsibility of caring for PETS ultimately rests on us as well. With that in mind, it's important to develop and create a 72-hour Pet Emergency Survival Kit, much like we would for ourselves and our families.

Here's what's recommended:

- **72 hour food supply, including bowls and a can opener**
- **72 hour water supply**
- **Blankets/towels**
- **Toys**
- **Leash, muzzle, harness**
- **Litter pan, litter, plastic bags and scooper**
- **Pet carrier to allow for easy transport**
- **Medical records, Veterinarian's name and contact number**
- **Medications and a pet first aid kit**
- **Current photo of your pet along with their name, address and brief description**
- **Information on your pets feeding schedule, temperament/behavior, medical concerns**
- **ID tags and Micro chip number**
- **Flashlight**
- **List of boarding facilities, hotels that can accommodate pets**

You should check the Kit twice a year and updated it as necessary. Ensure that there is always fresh water and food, medication and restock any items that may have been used from it. Remember your ability to care for your pet during a time of emergency will depend on how well you have prepared for it. Take the time to create a Pet Emergency Survival Kit; it may just very well save your pets life one day. Whether you own dogs or cats, ferrets, rabbits, hamsters, amphibians or other small animals, click here to download your [Emergency Checklist](#).