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If you live in a disaster-prone area, you can take certain steps before disaster strikes to help ensure the safety and well-being of your pets. Responsible dog owners should have certain supplies on hand year-round in case of an emergency evacuation due to disaster. Keeping these supplies packed together in a convenient location will be helpful if you and your loved ones need to evacuate.

The American Kennel Club® recommends the following supplies:

-  ***Leash and collar with ID tags attached***
-  ***Medical health records including a current vaccination record and rabies tag***
-  ***Photocopy of AKC® registration papers***
-  ***Recent photo of your pet***
-  ***At least a three-day supply of food, medication and water***
-  ***Food and water dishes***
-  ***Blankets or bedding***
-  ***Crate***
-  ***Favorite toys***
-  ***Plastic “pick-up” bags***

The American Kennel Club also recommends permanent identification for your dog, such as a microchip or tattoo and enrollment in the AKC Companion Animal Recovery database. Keep this identification information with your other pet emergency supplies. Permanent identification will help reunite owners and their dogs and is especially important in a disaster-prone area.

For more information about disaster preparedness plans, please contact AKC Communications at [communications@akc.org](mailto:communications@akc.org).