

A Few (perhaps less familiar) Quotes About Dogs

Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really.
– Agnes Sligh Turnbull

Grief is the sequel to love.
– Unknown

Before you get a dog, you can't quite imagine what living with one might be like;
afterward, you can't imagine living any other way.
– Caroline Knapp

A dog will teach you unconditional love. If you can have that in your life,
things won't be too bad.
– Robert Wagner

Petting, Scratching, and cuddling a dog could be as soothing to the mind and heart
as deep meditation, and almost as good for the soul as prayer. Once you have had a
wonderful dog, a life without one is a life diminished.
– Dean Koontz

My fashion philosophy is, if you're not covered in dog hair, your life is empty.
– Elayne Booster

Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the
focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It's without
a doubt the best deal man has ever made.
– Rodger A. Caras

No matter how little money and how few
possessions you own, having a dog
makes you rich.
– Louis Sabin

I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they
give unconditional love. For me, they are the role
model for being alive.
– Gilda Radner

When your children are
teenagers, it's important
to have a dog so that
someone in the house is
happy to see you.

– Nora Ephron



Companion Animal Emergency Kits

Periodically we like to remind our members of the importance of having not only your human emergency kits, but also the proper supplies for your animals. It seems ever more crucial since our weather patterns have become so wildly unpredictable.

Courtesy of NPR, I read an interesting recent article about how people in Anchorage are preparing their pets for a **volcanic eruption**, which is predicted to be happening in the next few weeks or months. They need to get their dogs used to things like goggles and respirators in advance, to avoid getting shards of glass in their eyes or lungs. Quite complicated and horrifying.

While we in Utah and Montana may not have to worry about volcanoes—earthquakes are more likely—it prompted me to look up some specific information about supporting our pets during earthquakes.

There is lots more information online, from the CDC, the Red Cross and others if you want more detail. Meanwhile, herewith are two different versions of lists, with differing suggestions, as well as a short summary of what to do for your animals during an earthquake.

PawlicyAdvisor
Pet Emergency Kit Checklist

Essential Supplies for Disaster Preparedness

Food, Water & Medications	Pet First Aid Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1-2 weeks' worth of pet food<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portable water supply• Collapsible bowl• Full supply of medications• List of prescriptions meds• Pill pouches (if necessary)• Small supply of treats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3% Hydrogen Peroxide <i>Call your vet for instructions</i>• Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)• Adhesive tape & gauze• Pet-safe soap & saline• Alcohol swabs or wipes<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Syptic powder• Syringe or turkey baster<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ice packs & towels• Antibiotic ointment/spray<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tweezers & scissors• Clean gloves & towels• Pet first aid booklet• Cotton balls or swabs• Waterproof container

Miscellaneous

- You and your vet's information
 - Proof of ownership
- Photo of you and your pet together *In case you get separated!*
- Medical & vaccination records
- Service animal documentation (if applicable)

While these suggestions focus on earthquakes, they are generally applicable to other disasters, as well..

Before the Earthquake:

Prepare a Pet Disaster Kit: Include food, water, bowls, litter/pan, a carrier or crate, first-aid supplies, medications, and copies of records.

Identify Your Pet: Ensure your pet wears an ID tag or collar, and consider microchipping.

Familiarize Pets with Carriers: If you need to evacuate, your pet will likely be easier to handle if they are already used to a carrier. If your pet is in a carrier or a crate, leave them inside. They are much safer inside where they are protected from falling debris.

Locate a Pet-Friendly Shelter: Research local shelters or pet-friendly hotels in case evacuation is necessary.

Know Your Pet's Hiding Places: Be aware of where your pet likes to hide when frightened.

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Pet Alert Window Sticker: Display a window sticker on your home to let first responders know there are animals inside.

Plan for Waste Disposal: Include supplies like cat litter and doggie bags in your kit.

During the Earthquake:

Do Not Try to Hold Onto Your Pet: Let your pet find a safe place to hide, or if possible, get under a desk with them.

If Possible, Secure Your Pet: If your pet is in a carrier or crate, leave them inside. If the carrier is light enough, you can carry it with you.

Stay Calm: Try not to panic, as this can help your pet feel more secure.


After the Earthquake:

Be Patient: Pets may be frightened and stressed after an earthquake, so be patient and supportive.

Keep Outdoor Pets Indoors: Until aftershocks have subsided and your pet has calmed down.

Monitor Your Pet: Check for any injuries or behavioral changes and consult with your veterinarian if needed.


Check Animal Shelters: If your pet becomes lost, check local shelters and animal control.




Pet Emergency Kit

Food & Water


- ☐ 7-day supply of food in an airtight container
- ☐ 3-day supply of water
- ☐ Bowls, liquid dish soap, manual can opener

**Medication**


- ☐ At least a 2-week supply of medication
- ☐ Dosage and administration instructions

**Documents (keep in a waterproof bag)**


- ☐ Microchip and license information
- ☐ Veterinary records with vaccination history
- ☐ Emergency contact list, including your veterinarian
- ☐ Photo of your pet (preferably with you)


**Travel supplies**

- ☐ Carrier or crate with your contact information
- ☐ Extra collar/harness with ID tags and leash
- ☐ Portable litter box and litter (for cats)
- ☐ Favorite toys, travel bed

**First aid materials**

- ☐ Antibiotic ointment
- ☐ Adhesive tape, scissors, disposable gloves
- ☐ Non-stick bandage/wrap
- ☐ Absorbent gauze pads
- ☐ Saline solution
- ☐ Styptic powder (stops minor bleeding)
- ☐ Instant cold pack
- ☐ Digital thermometer
- ☐ Towels and a blanket
- ☐ Muzzle



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Dogs in Paintings



Lime Tree Shade, Amy Katherine Browning, 1913



The Lighter Side

