



DISASTER CHECKLIST FOR YOUR VET CLINIC



GENERAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Pet carriers or mobile cages – enough to evacuate all animals at maximum clinic capacity (emergency supplies & “Go Bag” can be stored in these for easy access/transport during emergency)
- ☐ Supplies/equipment to transport any medically supported animals (mobile oxygen, mobile monitors, etc.)
- ☐ Drinking water – 7 days of water per animal for maximum clinic capacity
- ☐ Non-perishable food – 7 days of food per animal for maximum clinic capacity
- ☐ Prescription pads
- ☐ Generator(s) and gasoline
- ☐ Lighting (*headlamps and crank/solar power lights work well*)
- ☐ A radio and fresh batteries
- ☐ Essential sterilization tools, cleaning supplies, and mats
- ☐ **“Evacuated”** sign to place on front door, should read: “Clinic and Animals Evacuated – All Cash & Medications Removed”
- ☐ Plan for evacuating/transporting DEA log and controlled drugs
- ☐ Prepare an evacuation plan/team and share with clinic staff – update staff and practice quarterly
- ☐ Talk with your mortgage lender and tax advisor in advance to plan for remote operations/ building loss
- ☐ Have a separate voicemail prepared to notify clients and inform them where to go or call in the case of an evacuation
- ☐ Prepare a plan for pets in care and be ready to notify their owners
- ☐ Multiple phone chargers
- ☐ Extra battery pack for phones
- ☐ Camera to photograph found pets
- ☐ Microchip scanner
- ☐ Sharpie, pens, and notebooks

Source: California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps



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EVACUATION “GO BAG” CHECKLIST

☐ ANTIBIOTICS

- Metronidazole
- Convenia
- Cephalexin
- Marbofloxacin
- Amoxicillin
- Enrofloxacin
- Triple antibiotic eye ointment
- Neo/Poly/Dex eye ointment
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- Clindamycin

☐ WOUND CARE

- Silver sulfadiazine cream
- Sterile surgical gloves
- 2" Cohesive bandage
- Telfa pads
- White gauze rolls (all widths)
- Surgical scrub brush
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Alcohol prep pads
- Skin adhesive
- Nitrile exam gloves (all sizes)
- 4x4 Gauze pads
- Bandage
- Solution/Scrub
- 3-ply towels
- Cotton balls + cotton swabs
- Saline solution
- Tropical antiseptic/chlorhexidine
- Betadine solution/scrub
- 2x2 Gauze pads
- Tweezers
- Elastikon
- Skin stapler
- Eye wash
- Hemostat gauze

☐ PAIN MANAGEMENT

- NSAIDS- Include 2-3 types with at least 1 oral option, 1 injectable, and 1 labeled for cats
- Buprenorphine
- Hydrocortisone cream

☐ SEDATION

- Controlled substance log
- Dexmedetomidine
- Atipamezole
- Acepromazine
- IV Fluid lines
- 24g Catheters

☐ SUPPORTIVE CARE

- Cerenia
- Thermometers
- Mirtazapine
- IV fluids (1L bags)
- IV fluid lines
- Mobile monitor
- Mobile oxygen with oxygen mask
- Praziquantel/Pyrantel Pamoate
- Ambu bag
- Lube

☐ OTHER

- Syringes- 3, 6, and 12 cc
- 20, 22, and 25 gauge needles
- Hot hands (hand/feet warmers to keep sick animals warm without access to electricity)
- Pheromones and treats for scared animals
- Microchip scanner
- Extra pair scrub
- Slip Leashes
- Muzzles
- Disinfectant
- First aid ice packs



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Keep at a safe, off site location:

- ☐ A complete back-up of your practice's computer system with back-up's done/updated regularly
- ☐ Photos of and a list of all hospital equipment and building improvements including fridge and pharmacy at full capacity – update regularly to help expedite any insurance claims after emergency
- ☐ Key contact list: insurance policy, mortgage company, filing instructions and both national and local contact; vendor contact list with local and national contact information for each; banking and account information, CPA, all utility contact information, IT person, contractor, business attorney, state insurance board, local chamber of commerce, local and state VMA contact information, building landlord contact information and contact information for all
- ☐ Copies of all important licenses/documents including (but not limited to): DVM and DEA licenses, RVT licenses, diplomas and board certifications, business licenses, resale permit, premise permit, tax exemption documents, 501c3 documents, clinic blueprints and other building plans

Prepare a list of emergency contacts:

- ☐ Midwest Veterinary Supply Representative _____
- ☐ Animal Control _____
- ☐ Gas Company _____
- ☐ Electric Company _____
- ☐ Insurance Company _____
- ☐ Poison Control _____

