



## Wags and Purrs Comfort Corner

### Disaster Preparedness



When we think of disasters we often think of hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes, but fires, floods and carbon monoxide leaks are all disasters that can cause someone to have to flee their home quickly. In the event of a disaster, every second counts and everyone should have a disaster plan ready that includes an escape route and a kit of essential belongings. When creating a disaster plan remember to include your faithful, furry friends.

Alarms, stress and the chaos of an emergency can cause a pet to react very differently than they normally would. They will be stressed and frightened and may attempt to run or hide. Always have a leash or cat carrier in an easily accessible area and if need be, leash your pet and put your cat into their carrier for their own safety. If a pet parent is able, run practice drills with a smoke alarm

### Health Tip for the Season

All preparedness kits should contain your pet's medical history, up-to-date vaccination records, information, including after hours phone numbers for your pet's health provider and a list of all medications and dosages for your pet. While there are some hotel chains that allow pets to stay in their rooms, many of them will require proof of vaccination.

### Training Tip for the Season

Disasters and emergencies can test even the most stout human, so we can imagine how stressful these can be for pets. Alarms and sirens often send pets into hiding, and precious moments could be lost looking for a

going off and pay attention to how the pets react. Is the cat hiding? Where? Are you able to get to them easily? Is a carrier available and is the cat fighting to be put in their carrier? Is the dog becoming fear aggressive? Are they hiding? Running? Are they coming when called? Knowing these facts before an emergency can help a pet parent plan and know where you need to practice with your pets to keep them safe.

In addition to an escape plan, all members, including pets, should have an emergency kit ready. A pet's emergency kit should contain copies of your pet's license, up-to-date vaccination records and veterinary medical history, a list of all medications and dosages, extra food and water bowls, an extra collar with name tags and extra leash, a recent picture of your pet with description in the event you get separated, disposable litter trays, disposable waste bags, a traveling bag, small dog and cat carrier, blankets and toys. Have a list of phone numbers for pet friendly hotels and motels and local kennels readily available or stored electronically. Our blog post **[Where to go During Emergencies](#)** has a list of all pet friendly hotels and possible restrictions.

If you are able to find a pet-friendly hotel or motel, please realize your pet will be stressed from the event, out of their routine and out of their stable environment. Don't open any room doors without having your pet on a leash and keep them at your side when taking them on potty trips. Most pets are lost when they are away from home and a frightened pet may try to bolt and become disorientated in an unfamiliar area. When entering your hotel room, make note of where your pet can sleep, relieve themselves and eat. Never leave your pet in the room alone. Housekeeping may try to enter and could get bitten by a startled pet or could inadvertently let your pet out of the room. If you brought your pet's crate, it can add a level of security knowing your pet can't dash out of the room, chew on cords, which may not be put up, or get into something that could be potentially dangerous to them.

Life can change in the blink of an eye, and when it happens, no one can ever be completely prepared. A plan of action, an escape route that includes all pets and a place to go to recover and heal can mean the difference between a disaster and a tragedy.

hidden pet. For this reason, a pet parent should always know a pet's favorite hiding places and make sure it's easily accessible. Pets should also have a solid recall and consistently come when called.

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### **Pet Sitter Tip for the Season**

All pet profiles must contain up-to-date emergency contact information. In case of an emergency or disaster, your pet sitter will need to know who can provide care and house your pet if they aren't able to stay in their own home. Before going on a vacation or long trip, it's a good rule of thumb to check in with your emergency contacts to make sure they will be available and know they are listed as the person to contact in case of an emergency.

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Featured Product



## Water and Feed Bowls for Crates

This month we have discussed the importance of having a disaster plan and what steps to take to keep all family members safe. As mentioned, a carrier or crate can help keep your pet safe whether they are riding or waiting in a car or staying at a hotel. In the instance a pet has to stay in the car for their safety or if needing to travel to a different location, water and feed bottles can keep a pet's area clear and clean.

Pictured above are the Snap'y Fit bowls, Aquarius CiCi Dog Cage Automatic Feeder Set and Lixit Small Dog Water Bottle.

## May Birthdays



Coco Destro  
Murphy Brown  
Cally Liebmann  
Fiona Citeroni  
Wednesday Budilovsky  
Daisie Mae Favocci  
Franklin Weber  
Smiley McCarty  
Polly Pierce  
Zane Parker  
Ashley Karelitz  
Thor Gottschall  
Loki Gottschall  
Jessie DeCesare  
Sophie Tobin  
Pewam Golden-Trist  
Hissy Hisserson Golden-Trist  
Corey Weir  
Duke Coates  
Solis Word  
Tango Botts  
Nylah Grove  
Brooke Devlin  
Podrick Burkett  
Minnie Urban  
Lyra Swarts  
Cooper Klein  
Allie Griffith  
Chalupa Word  
Marshmallow Word  
Tiger Montag  
King Montag  
Peanut Montag  
Tully Karelitz  
Jada Pittsonberger  
Gracie Duerr  
Milo Berard  
Toby Soxman  
Snoobie Dunn  
Jasper Ellis

Happy Birthday, all! Paw-ty hard!

## Butternut Squash Dog Treats

### INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 cup squash puree
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbs. peanut butter
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour for rolling



### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven 350 degrees.

Mix eggs, squash and peanut butter in a large bowl.

Incorporate flour until you have a stiff, dry dough the consistency of pie crust.

Knead with you hands if necessary. Roll the dough out with a rolling-pin on a floured surface until 1/2 inch thick.

Cut with the cookie cutter of your choice or just use a knife to cut into squares or pizza cutter to cut into triangles.

Bake on a cookie sheet until hard, approximately 25 mins. Move treats to wire rack and allow to cool.

## Squash and Salmon Kitty Bites

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups oat flour
- 5 ounces boneless skinless salmon, drained
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup butternut squash puree (pumpkin can be substituted if you can't find squash puree)



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

Combine 1 cup oat flour, salmon, egg and puree in bowl.

Place the dough onto a baking sheet, sprinkle with some additional oat flour and pat down to about 1/4 inch thick.


Bake for 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and cut with the cookie cutter of your choice or just use a knife to cut into squares or pizza cutter to cut into triangles.

Spread the bits out and bake for another 15 - 20 minutes or until firm.

Let cool completely.

## Barking Truth



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