

Create An Information Pack For Your Small Pet

In the event of a disaster or an emergency situation, documented and current information about your small pets can help others to care for it in your absence.

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Your Small Pet Information Pack should include:

1. Small Pet Profile

Keep a profile of your small pet's information and any medical conditions. Include a brief description of your pet's name, species, breed (if applicable), colors (any significant color markings) and distinguishing physical features (missing toe, scars, bald areas).

Note: Keep current information about your small pet

2. Current Pictures Of Your Small Pet

Take current pictures of your small pet. They are useful in the event that your small pet goes missing. While most proud pet owners regularly photograph their critters, it is important to know what pictures will be most useful. Be sure to take photos that show your pet entirely, not just its face, and that will make your small pet look unique and unmistakable when identifying it. Make sure that the picture is clear and in focus.

3. Emergency Contacts

Keep a list of emergency contacts. Relatives or friends who have agreed to help out in an emergency, your primary and backup exotic veterinarians, and local pet-friendly hotels and motels.

Where To Keep Information

Keep information on your small pet all together. If you have multiple pets, get a clear, plastic page holder or a folder for each of your pets. Having up-to-date information increases your chances of being reunited should you be separated from your small pet.

Keep all of the information in a place that you can easily access. The Small Pet Information Pack should be kept in your Small Pet First-Aid Kit and Small Pet Disaster Kit. Both kits should be kept together near the pet carriers. Another option is to tape a clear document holder to the bottom of your pet's carrier that holds your Small Pet Profile, current photos and emergency contacts. If you are separated from your small pets, at least their information is with them.