



DARE

PET PROMISE

Together, protecting the pets we love.

Your Pet Promise Kit

Everything about your pet, in one place.

Welcome to your Pet Promise

A good starting point is to gather together information about you, your emergency contacts, your veterinarian and, most importantly, your pet!

You can print this kit and fill it out by hand, or type right into it on your computer. Either way, it is no good unless someone can get to it if you are incapacitated or are no longer here to care for your pet. Your estate planner can recommend options for how others can access it quickly if needed.

A FEW TIPS

- ♥ Use one kit per pet, so each pet's details stay clear.
- ♥ Keep a copy with your important papers, and tell your emergency contacts where it is.
- ♥ Review it once a year, or whenever something changes: a new vet, a new medication, a new phone number.
- ♥ Typing on a computer? Use the free Adobe Acrobat Reader, and save your filled-in copy with a new name so you keep a blank one too.

LET'S GET STARTED PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER!

This kit belongs to

Pet's name

Date completed

Last reviewed

PRESENTED BY



Let's learn more about you and your human friends



YOU

Your name

Home phone

Cell phone

Address

Can your cell phone receive text messages? ☐ Yes ☐ No

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

These may not be the people who would care for your pet.

Nearest relative: name

Phone number(s)

Nearest neighbor: name

Phone number(s)

Alternate contact (if the above can't be reached): name

Phone number(s)

GETTING INTO YOUR HOME

Which emergency contact can get into your home?

How do they get in (key location, door code, etc.)?

YOUR PET'S CARE TEAM

Veterinarian: name

Phone

Address

24-hour emergency clinic: name

Phone

Address

Boarding kennel you've used: name

Phone

Address

Groomer: name

Phone

Address

Who is this all about anyway? Your pet!



IDENTIFICATION

Formal name (as listed on their county license tag)

Date of birth

Informal name(s) / nicknames

Is your pet microchipped? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Microchip #

County license tag number

Issuing authority

Registered with an organization (such as AKC, TICA or AQHA)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Organization

Registration number

HEALTH

Where are the vaccination records kept?

Flea protection (brand, dosage, how often)

Heartworm (brand, dosage, how often)

Other medications (brand, dosage, how often)

Where are the medications kept?

Other medical problems or special needs

Is there a pet carrier or crate in the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Where?

Ahh, the personal details...



MEALTIME

Brand(s) of food

Where is the food kept?

Any "people" food added at mealtime?

How is it prepared? Amounts and feeding time(s)

Medication given with meals? Mixed into food, or given before or after?

Treats between meals: type, amount, where kept, and when given

DAILY ROUTINE

Where does your pet sleep (your bed, crate, their own bed)?

Wake-up time and bedtime

Potty habits: how often and where

Fully potty trained? ☐ Yes ☐ No Accidents happen when

What does your pet wear (collar, harness, other)? Where are these and the leash kept?

Special instructions: favorite potty spot, words that work, how they do with other people and pets

Personality: tell us a little about yourself!



TRAIT	YES / NO	NOTES
Easily spooked by noises	☐ Y ☐ N	
Escape artist (will bolt if given the chance)	☐ Y ☐ N	
Knows their name	☐ Y ☐ N	
Obeys on command	☐ Y ☐ N	
Likes car rides	☐ Y ☐ N	
Likes the dog park	☐ Y ☐ N	
Gets along with other dogs or cats	☐ Y ☐ N	
Comfortable with kids	☐ Y ☐ N	
Prefers men, women, or no preference?		

Things they respond well to (a certain toy, tummy rubs... well, who doesn't!)

What eases their anxiety?

Any quirks or peculiarities?

Commands your pet responds to

Short-term emergency planning



List your emergency pet sitters in order of preference (proximity, familiarity, trust), and talk through the details with them ahead of time.

EMERGENCY PET SITTERS

1. Name	Phone number(s)	Relationship to you
2. Name	Phone number(s)	Relationship to you
3. Name	Phone number(s)	Relationship to you

WHAT WE'VE AGREED

Will your pet stay in their own home or at the sitter's?

Will the sitter stay at your house? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Can they make arrangements with your preferred boarder? Details:

WHERE TO FIND THIS INFORMATION

☐ On the emergency pet plan card I carry with me

☐ With my estate planning documents

☐ In my home, at:

Long-term planning



If you can no longer care for your pet, who will give them a permanent home? Name people you trust who have agreed to adopt them, then work with your estate planner to put it in writing.

CAREGIVERS

First choice: name

Phone number(s)

Have they agreed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Backup: name

Phone number(s)

Have they agreed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

YOUR PLAN

My plan is a: ☐ Pet Trust ☐ Will ☐ Written agreement

Successor trustee (if you have a Pet Trust)

Phone

Estate planner's name

Phone

Where my legal documents are kept

Bottom line: A will is better than nothing. But out of kindness to your pet, their care is best left to a Pet Trust. Your estate planner can help you create a legally enforceable Revocable Pet Trust and plan how to fund it.

Emergency pet plan card



Fill in, print, cut along the dotted line, and fold in half. Keep it in your wallet so first responders and family know a pet is waiting at home.

cut along the dotted line
fold



**I have pets at home
who depend on me.**

DARE PET PROMISE

My name

Pet name(s) and type

IN AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL

Emergency pet sitter and phone

Backup contact and phone

My Pet Promise Kit is kept at

darepetpromise.org

You did it. That's your Pet Promise.

Next step: share where this kit lives with your emergency contacts, and talk with an estate planner about the right long-term plan for your situation. Learn more at darepetpromise.org.

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