

Shopping for your pet

RABBITS AND RODENTS

Rodents include: Hamsters, Ferrets, Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Mice, and Rats



1. FOOD

- Use the brand that your rabbit or rodent is used to
- Have enough to last at least one week for each of the pets in your household
- Frozen vegetables can be placed in an ice chest during a disaster.
- Rotate the food so it remains fresh
- Include a feeding dish, in case the one you usually use is destroyed or lost

2. WATER

- Have enough water to last at least one week for each of the pets in your household (one gallon per day)
- Be sure to rotate the water so it remains fresh
- Include a water dish, in case the one you usually use is destroyed or lost

3. SANITATION

- Have a small litter box, litter and litter scoop, if your rabbit or rodent is litter box trained. Shredded newspaper can work in place of litter.
- Have some plastic bags for disposing of your pet's waste

4. CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Small container of dish soap for cleaning out your rabbit's or rodent's dishes
- Paper towels for drying dishes and for other cleanup



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5. IDENTIFICATION

- Consider micro-chipping your pet as a more permanent means of identification
- Keep current photos of your pet. Take some photos that include you and your pet to prove ownership.
- Keep copies of registration or adoption papers
- Photograph any identifying markings
- Keep several generic Lost Posters. Make sure they are brightly colored, and kept in waterproof bags or containers, so if it rains, they are not ruined

6. GROOMING

- Have a brush, especially if your pet has long fur
- Have a pair of nail clippers

7. CONFINING YOUR RABBIT OR RODENT

- Have a collapsible wire crate to transport your rabbit or rodent, should you have to evacuate. You can keep your pet secure following the disaster (remember that exterior walls can be down and windows broken in the aftermath of a disaster) – be sure the cage is large enough for your rabbit or rodent to lie down, stand up, turn around and have room for a food and water dish.
- If you purchase a plastic crate, watch your rabbit or rodent to make sure they are not chewing on the plastic to create a way to escape

8. FIRST AID KIT

- Have a basic first aid kit, along with a first aid book for rabbit or rodents

9. MEDICATION

- Have a one-week supply of any long-term medication your rabbit or rodent is taking. Rotate every 3 months so it remains fresh

11. FAMILIAR ITEMS

- Include toys, treats or bedding that may comfort your rabbit or rodent

