

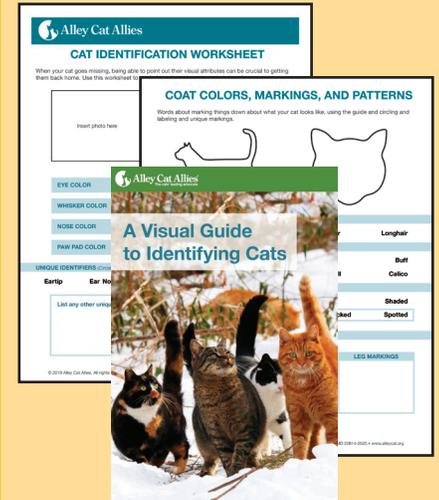


# BE PREPARED FOR DISASTERS

No matter where you live, natural disasters can happen without warning. From tornadoes to floods to forest fires, we've helped cats affected by extreme situations. Have a plan in place to keep the cats you care for safe in case a natural disaster strikes.

- 1. Make sure to have descriptions** of the cats you care for, along with photos. If you need to look for displaced cats in shelters or other rescue areas, this will help accurately identify them. Make sure all tags and microchips have up-to-date information.
- 2. Have a disaster evacuation plan.** Decide where you and your cats will go in case of an emergency, like a relative's or friend's house or an animal-friendly hotel. Find a backup caregiver for community cats, who should stay in their outdoor homes during disasters.
- 3. Create an emergency contact card** for the cats you care for, in case you are not immediately available. Include all contact information for your backup caregiver. Carry this card in your wallet and your car, give copies to your backup caregiver, and post it somewhere visible in your home, like on the refrigerator.
- 4. Make a list of local animal shelters and recovery centers** and their contact information in case you need their help or resources.
- 5. Keep an emergency supply kit** on hand and know where to find it quickly. Disaster kit basics for cats include an animal first aid kit, a supply of prescription medications for your cats, veterinary and microchip ID records, a three to seven days' supply of cat food, food dishes, a seven-day supply of bottled water per person and per cat, a litter box and litter, a harness and a cat-safe collar, crate or carrier, blankets, and photos of cats you care for.
- 6. Microchip your cats.** If you get separated from them in a disaster, microchips can help get them back to you. Flip the page to read more about the importance of microchips.

## Alley Cat Allies Cat Identification Guide



To be reunited with your cat after a disaster, it will be helpful to know the exact details of your cat's appearance, like markings, eye color, coat color, coat length and more.

Find it at [alleycat.org/IDGuide](http://alleycat.org/IDGuide).

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# MICROCHIPS SAVE LIVES

## Did you know that more and more cats are getting microchipped?

Microchips can save lives, and they help reunite lost cats with their families.

Microchip implantation is quick, simple, inexpensive, essentially painless, and virtually stress-free for animals. Veterinarians implant microchips through a quick injection, like a routine vaccination. No anesthetic is required. Microchipping your own cats, or the community cats you care for, today could save their lives.

- 1. Cats with microchips are over 20 times more likely to be reunited with their families than those without microchips.**  
Microchipped cats are reunited with their families 38.5 percent of the time, compared to just 1.8 percent of the time for cats who aren't microchipped.
- 2. Microchips increase the chances of community cats being returned to the correct colony.**  
For community cats, microchips can be registered with their caregivers' information. That way, they can be returned to their outdoor home and the other cats they have a bond with.
- 3. Microchips help animal shelters and veterinarians track animals.**  
Microchip scanning helps animal shelter staff and veterinarians ensure they have the correct animals for medical procedures. Each chip has a unique number that is associated with only one animal, so there are no mix-ups!
- 4. Microchipping is in compliance with national veterinary guidelines.**  
The American Veterinary Medical Association agrees that microchips are crucial to identifying animals and returning them to their families.
- 5. A microchip is a permanent ID tag.**  
A single microchip can last a cat's full lifespan.
- 6. Microchips help reunite cats with their families in emergency evacuations.**  
Cats can sometimes get lost during a natural disaster. Microchips are a permanent identifier for cats in these situations.



## Don't forget to register your cat's microchip!

If a microchip is not registered, or if the information is out of date, whoever finds the cat will not be able to contact you. You can either register with the microchip company, which may charge registration or annual fees, or with a free database, such as Found Animals Registry, which is a nonprofit service. Registering the microchip will allow veterinarians and animal shelter staff to find your contact information when your cat has been found.

*Note: If a cat being rehomed is already microchipped and registered to someone else, remember to contact the registry to update the microchip with your information.*

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# CAT EMERGENCY KIT

These items will help keep your cat safe during an emergency

**CAT'S NAME:**

**DESCRIPTION:**

- Medications (for 7 days. Make sure it is up-to-date.)
- Medical and vaccination records
- Identification numbers and information (microchip, registration/licenses, etc.)
- Photo(s) of you and your cat together
- Emergency contacts for cat (veterinarian, cat sitter, etc.)
- Emergency contacts for caregiver (outside of disaster area)
- Distinguishing features or characteristics
- Important Notes (medical or behavioral)

**In addition, a Cat Emergency Kit should be created for each cat with the following items**  
*(These items can be stored in the cat carrier/crate with the coordinating tags attached):*

- Food and water (for 5 days)
- Food and water bowls
- Cat carrier or crate
- Familiar toys, treats, or bedding
- Collar and harness
- Animal first aid kit
- Litter/Sanitation & cleaning supplies

For more information, visit [alleycat.org/DisasterTips](https://alleycat.org/DisasterTips).



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## CAT EMERGENCY TAG

**CAT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CAREGIVER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## CAT EMERGENCY TAG

Attach a picture of you and your cat to the carrier.

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## ABOUT ALLEY CAT ALLIES

Alley Cat Allies, headquartered in Bethesda, MD, is the global engine of change for cats. We protect and improve cats' lives through our innovative, cutting-edge programs. We are seen around the world as a champion for the humane treatment of all cats. Founded in 1990, today Alley Cat Allies has more than a half-million supporters and helps tens of thousands of individuals, communities and organizations save and improve the lives of millions of cats and kittens worldwide. Its website is [www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org), and Alley Cat Allies is on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

## ABOUT BECKY ROBINSON

Becky Robinson is President and Founder of Alley Cat Allies, the nation's leading cat advocacy organization. She stands at the forefront of the global movement to protect and improve the lives of all cats. Becky founded Alley Cat Allies in 1990 after discovering a colony of alley cats in Washington, D.C. Learning the local animal control advocated killing them, she resolved to protect alley cats right then and there. Becky and her organization popularized Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) in the United States, and developed best practices that are still in place today. She established three spay/neuter clinics in the Washington, D.C. area that are models for feral cat veterinary care.



A highly sought-after authority on cats, Becky meets with groups and policymakers throughout the U.S., Europe, and Australia.

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