

Disaster Preparedness Shopping List For Bird

Are you prepared to take care of your bird when a disaster strikes? If not, NOW is the time to stock up on the items that you will need so you will not get caught unprepared. Listed below is a handy shopping list for you to use. The next time you buy food or supplies for your bird, take this list with you. Don't put off doing what you should do now – it may just make the difference between being able to keep your bird alive when a disaster strikes.

SHOPPING FOR YOUR BIRD

Here are the supplies that you should have in a Disaster Kit for birds. Adjust the amounts, depending on the number of birds that you have.

1. FOOD:

- Always have a reserve supply of the type of food your bird is used to eating that would last two weeks.
- Store food in an airtight, waterproof container and clearly mark all your containers with your personal info.
- Rotate food at least once every three (3) months.

2. GRAVEL / CUTTLEBONE / BEAK CONDITIONER:

- Have at least a two week supply at all times. (Not for all types of birds.)
- Always have an extra cuttlebone / beak conditioner in your disaster kit.

3. WATER:

- Have enough drinking water to last at least two weeks for each bird in your household.
- Store water in a cool, dark location, and be sure to rotate it so it remains fresh.
- Remember that if the tap water is not suitable for humans to drink, it is also not suitable for animals to drink.
- Include with your disaster supplies, an extra water dish, just in case the one normally used is lost.
- Make sure you have enough water on hand for cleaning as well.

4. SANITATION:

- Have paper towels in your disaster kit.
- Have some plastic bags in your kit for disposing of your bird's dirty paper towels.

5. CLEANING SUPPLIES:

- Include in your kit, a small container of soap for washing out and disinfecting the dishes and the bird cage.
- Have at least a two week supply of whatever it is that you put on the bottom of the cage (ie: newspaper).

6. EXTRA SEED BOWLS AND WATER CONTAINER:

- Have several seed cups/water containers to replace ones that might get broken.
- You may want to put an extra food and water dish in the cage, so that in case you forget to feed the bird in all the confusion, the bird will have plenty of food and water available.

7. FIRST AID SUPPLIES AND BOOK FOR BIRDS:

- Check with your veterinarian to find out what he/she recommends you include in your First Aid Kit.
Some suggested items include:
 - a) Kwik Stop or Corn Starch to stop bleeding
 - b) Tweezers
 - c) Heavy Duty Gloves (for handling the bird if it is injured and trying to bite)
 - d) Bandaging Materials

8. CAGE FOR EVACUATION:

- You should have a small cage for transporting (evacuating) your bird and be sure it is one that your bird cannot chew his/her way out of.