

Pet profile

Complete by hand. This packet works before an emergency as well as after a death: a hospitalization or a period of incapacity raises the same handoff questions.

Medication and feeding lines are blank for the owner's own handwriting. This packet gives no dosing, treatment or veterinary direction.

This pet

Pet name

Species and breed

Age or birth date

Coloring and markings

Microchip number

Registry name after the lookup step

Veterinary clinic and phone

Food and medication notes as written by the owner

Write the schedule and the amount the way the owner kept them. No doses or instructions belong on this sheet beyond what the owner writes. [A01]

Food schedule

Pet profile (continued)

Feeding amount as written by the owner

Current medications, written by the reader

Behavior and quirks

Behavior around other pets

Behavior around children

Behavior around strangers

Quirks

Sources for this sheet: A01. Full citations follow.

Emergency contacts and the fridge sheet

Two contacts mirror the wallet alert card structure. The fridge sheet accounts for every pet in the home and names a person who can be called immediately. [A01]

Contact 1

Name

Relationship

Phone

Can enter the home (yes or no)

How this contact enters the home (note)

Contact 2

Name

Relationship

Phone

Can enter the home (yes or no)

How this contact enters the home (note)

Emergency contacts and the fridge sheet (continued)

Fridge-door contact sheet

Post this sheet where someone entering the home will see it. It should account for every pet and name a person who can be reached immediately. [A01]

Pets in this home

Person to call immediately

Backup contact

Veterinary clinic and phone

Where the pet portfolio is kept

Sources for this sheet: A01. Full citations follow.

Caregiver plan: temporary and permanent

The person who steps in during an emergency does not have to be the person who takes the animal permanently. Confirm willingness with each caregiver and recheck it periodically. [A01]

Temporary or emergency caregiver

Name

Phone

Willingness confirmed on (date)

Note

Agreed permanent caregiver

Name

Phone

Willingness confirmed on (date)

Note

Multi-pet household

With more than two pets, a single caregiver for all of them may not be realistic. Plan ahead if the animals should stay together. [A01]

Pets stay together (yes or no)

Caregiver plan: temporary and permanent (continued)

Backup arrangement note

Sources for this sheet: A01. Full citations follow.

Records questions to ask

Fees and procedures are set by each registry and can change. As of October 17, 2026: PetLink charges the new owner \$29.99 for a transfer; AKC Reunite charges \$22.95 online or \$29.95 on paper. [P01] [K01]

Registries are businesses and can cease operations. Save This Life shut down and its chips must be re-registered elsewhere; the chip itself does not need replacing. [H01]

Neither captured registry documents a procedure written for a deceased owner, so these are questions to ask instead of steps to assume. [P01] [K01]

Ask the microchip registry

Find out which registry holds the chip through the AAHA Universal Pet Microchip Lookup or a veterinarian before you call. [V01]

Which registry holds this chip

What documentation a transfer needs when the registered owner has died

What fee applies and who pays it

Answer or reference number

Ask the veterinary clinic

Under AVMA principles, the records belong to the practice and copies go to the client on request. Who may act for a client who has died is not defined there, so ask the practice what it releases and to whom. [E01]

How to request the pet's records

Records questions to ask (continued)

What the practice releases and to whom

Staff member or reference for the next call

Next question if the answer is no

Sources for this sheet: V01, H01, P01, K01, E01. Full citations follow.

Cut-outs: wallet card and fridge sheet

Cut along the dashed line after you complete each cut-out.

Wallet alert card (cut out and carry)

Carried in a wallet, this card alerts responders that a pet is home alone and lists two emergency contacts who can be notified. [A01]

I have a pet at home alone

Contact 1 name and phone

Contact 2 name and phone

cut here

Fridge contact sheet (cut out and post)

Posted where someone entering the home will see it, this sheet accounts for every pet and names a person who can be contacted immediately. [A01]

Pets in this home

Call this person immediately

Backup contact

Veterinarian

Sources for this sheet: A01. Full citations follow.

Fictional example: one completed profile

All names, businesses and places on this page are invented. The example shows how a finished sheet reads; it is not a real pet.

Phone numbers use the 555 prefix. The medication line stays for the owner's handwriting even in the example.

Maple's profile (example)

Pet name: Maple

Species and breed: Domestic shorthair cat

Age or birth date: 9 years

Coloring and markings: Gray tabby, white paws

Microchip number: 000123456789012 (example)

Registry name after the lookup step: Example Registry (fictional)

Veterinary clinic and phone: Riverside Pet Clinic (fictional), 555-0176

Food schedule: Breakfast around 7, dinner around 6

Feeding amount as written by the owner: (the owner's own note)

Current medications, written by the reader: Left for the owner's handwriting

Behavior around other pets: Calm with the neighbor's dog

Behavior around children: Wary, needs a slow introduction

Behavior around strangers: Hides at first

Quirks: Drinks from the bathtub tap

Contacts and caregivers (example)

Contact 1: Rowan Example, sister, 555-0142, can enter: yes

Temporary or emergency caregiver: Devon Example (neighbor), willingness confirmed October 1, 2026

Agreed permanent caregiver: Rowan Example, willingness confirmed September 20, 2026

Pets stay together (yes or no): One pet, no line needed

Sources for this sheet: A01. Full citations follow.

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