

Pet Ditch Kit

Used in conjunction with The Caribbean Pet Guide by Kathleen Gallagher, available on the Doyle Guides mobile app.

Start with a floating, brightly colored bag and attach a strobe light. Add it to your ditch kit in the moments or hours you have before leaving the boat. Gather all the bottled water you can. The same holds true of warm clothing, blankets, and your pet's clothing. Tie together everything that floats to increase visibility; a string of extra life jackets, for example, is easier to spot from the air than just a raft.



This kit should include:

- **Restraint:** Ensure you can safely transport your pet, especially if they are prone to panicking in chaotic situations.
- **Food and water.** At least a week's supply of food and bottled water for each pet, plus bowls. If your pet eats canned food, don't forget a manual can opener.
- **Any necessary medications.** If your pet requires medication for anxiety during storms, be sure to have your prescription filled well in advance and have it stored in a waterproof container

- **Documents** like vaccination records and proof of ownership, easily accessible in a waterproof container. Ensure that your pet is current on vaccinations. This will help protect them from diseases that may be present in shelters or other areas where people and animals are displaced.
- **Comfort items.** Bring a familiar blanket or toy to help your pet feel more secure during a stressful situation.
- **Thermal foil blanket**
- **Shelter** and protection from sun
- **Rain gear** / plastic bags
- **A pet first aid kit.** Include items like antiseptic wipes, bandages, and any specific medications your vet recommends for your pet's needs.