Equipment For a Disaster Shelter (i.e., Temporary Shelter)

This lists equipment that is useful for a disaster shelter for animals. Following that are links for specific brands to show what the equipment looks like. Select any brand that works for you, but read the notes for each piece of equipment as it tells you the features that are useful for each product. If 2 teams are working in the same room/pod, best to double the equipment to make it more efficient.

Setup of Equipment in Room

Inside room, consumables:
food pellets
hay
wood shavings
paper (line cages)
balls, wicker
sticks, apple
gloves, nitrile, all sizes, mark size on box with sharpie
trash can bags, office size
trash can bags, 44-50 gal
paper towels
water in water bucket
pee pads (for carrier, not for cage)
(add items as needed for your shelter, e.g., chinchilla dust for bath, with scoop)

Inside room, equipment:
pen
Sharpie
extra wide Sharpie
yellow highlighter
box cutter
scissors
zip ties
whiteboard
whiteboard markers
whiteboard eraser
notepad (or paper)
duct tape
scraper
hand sanitizer

broom
whiskbroom

squeegee, floor
Swiffer
pad for Swiffer
dust pan
dust pan with long handle
trash can, office size
trash can, 44-50 gallons
wheels for 44-50 gallon trash can
sprayer with water (labeled)
sprayer with water/vinegar (1:1) (labeled)
sprayer with rescue solution (labeled)
rescue wipes

cart, 3 level
cart, 1 level low (for water bucket)
water bucket, 5 gal with lid
pump for water bucket
watering can, long spout
muck bucket, 5 gallon (to dump old water)
container for food pellets
scoop for food pellets
carrier for animal
step ladder
chair, folding
gloves, cut resistant (bites aren't so painful)
hand held radio (same channel as Shelter Manager)
fan
towel
measuring cups (1/4, 1/3, 1/2, 1 cup (60-237 ml))

Animal Care Sheets
job jacket or clipboard on each cage for paperwork
carabiner for clipboard
cage cards (clean, dirty, special food,
medical (vet visit needed), caution (behavior issues))
care instructions
large box for hay
small box for hay
large box for shavings
small box for shavings
small box for pellets
small box for balls, sticks
miscellaneous boxes or clean litter boxes (store supplies, dispense litter, pellets, etc.)

Outside room, near door:
hay
wood shavings
gloves, nitrile, all sizes, mark size on box with sharpie
coveralls for PPE, all sizes, mark size on box with sharpie
booties for PPE

In general area:
26 gallon water tank with on/off valve and short hose
    label in big letters: potable water
cart for 26 gallon water tank
wagon
box cutter blades
large volumes of all consumables inside room
(add items as needed for your shelter, e.g., hidie boxes, water bottles, wooden shelves)

Links to Equipment

Critter Nation by MidWest single unit cage
entire front opens; all 4 wheels swivel
solid plastic tray for bottom
can also buy double or add on for triple height
excellent for chinchillas & can be used for other small animals
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B001NJ0DAE

Kaytee glass water bottle, specify 12 ounce, 13" high, Flat on side that touches cage
for chinchillas
while Lixit makes a great plastic water bottle, their glass water bottle
    sometimes had the ball in the tube stick so either no water
    would come out or it would drip
https://www.kaytee.com/all-products/small-animal/chew-proof-water-bottle

Lixit plastic water bottle
wide mouth (easy filling & cleaning), large diameter straight tube (easy cleaning)
1 quart (liter)
for all animals except chinchillas
can use for chinchillas but they might chew it so watch out
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0002Z15TS/

metal bowl that clamps to side of the cage, 10 oz
4" diameter x 2" high
or choose 2 bolt option to prevent bowl from tilting
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07SCK4TKP/

ceramic food bowl, 4" diameter; can also choose 5"
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0002602UK/

chinchilla wheel; >= 15" diameter & 6" deep is best
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0BM3RC2YN/

Poof! chinchilla dust bath
2.5 lb container fills about 18 dust baths at 6-8 T each (3-4 scoops)
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00CI4TFF2/

good size for chinchilla dust tray
12" x 9" x 2" high
litter box or baking pan
or air fryer liners

covered chinchilla dust bath
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FRMF1MNC/

Safari cat shedding comb by coastal pet products
1 long, 2 short tines
for chinchillas
https://www.coastalpet.com/products/detail/?id=SCG08

comb; 2 long, 1 short tines
for chinchillas
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0HDZLYKK1/

aspen wood shavings used to line cage
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B005KSOKGM

craft paper 30”
https://www.uline.com/Product/Detail/S-3578/

1/2" x 2" Zinc-plated fender washer (can also use 1/4" x 2")
remove original washers & use these, (1 on each side of wire)
to attach shelves & food dishes to wire cages
(to prevent wires from breaking)
https://www.lowes.com/pd/a/3059125

Rocky Talkie handheld radio
https://rockytalkie.com/products/mountain-radio

water pump for 5 gallon bucket
cut 1" diameter hole in lid of bucket to insert tube

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08L61SQPT

26 gallon water container, RomoTech
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01BFC5NC6

food container for 25 lb
12" x 12" x 13.5" total height
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0GZSLP7B6/

dustpan with vertical handle to use while standing
handle snaps into place
Rubbermaid has one that has handle that does not snap into place so is difficult to empty
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DQV1LZM7/

cart, 3 shelves
23.5" width x 15" depth x 35" top of handles
30" height top shelf
foldable
all four wheels swivel
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0D7ZSSMK7/

cart, 1 low shelf
handy to transport 5 gallon bucket of water
Rubbermaid 31" x 20" x 9" from ground
Everbilt has similar one but handle wobbles a lot more
https://www.uline.com/Product/Detail/H-1056/

cart for large water container
40" long x 21" wide x 13" ground to top of platform
800 lb max load
Gorilla cart 2140GCG-NF
all four panels removable
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B084P4ZJDF

handy sized wagon
measured 26" long x 20" wide x 8" deep bin
but link measurements are 35" x 22" x 8"
height ground to top of bin 20”
https://www.homedepot.com/p/309521793/

booties for PPE
https://www.uline.com/Product/Detail/S-7873BLU/

coveralls for PPE

choose from various sizes
https://www.uline.com/Product/Detail/S-22211-M/

gloves, cut level 5, Milwaukee, nitrile dipped, standard 48-22-8951 or 48-73-8651
better for catching
thicker lining & double dipped for more bite resistance
https://www.homedepot.com/p/330882456

gloves, cut level 5, Milwaukee, nitrile dipped, high dexterity 48-73-7151 or 48-73-6951
better for delicate work like grooming
https://www.homedepot.com/p/327217035

protective arm sleeves, cut level 5, Milwaukee, 16 in. 48-73-9050
https://www.homedepot.com/p/320591885

job ticket holder OR job jacket
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B099R3HRHR/

trash can, 55 gallon
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01IE31SRS/

wheels for trash can
get correct size for your trash can
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00002N8AI/

kennel fence panel 6 ft h x 5 ft w black metal
attach to other panels with enclosed bracket or heavy duty zip ties
https://www.homedepot.com/p/206472077

kennel gate panel 6 ft h x 5 ft w black metal with 3 ft opening
https://www.homedepot.com/p/206472094

narrow kennel fence panel 5 ft h x 2 ft w black metal
for long runs, place these periodically along the fencing at 90°
with 1 ft on each side of fence to add support
https://www.homedepot.com/p/311051523

polyethylene foam tube slit on one side, 6'
7/8" ID (nice snug fit on 1" fencing), 1.875" OD
be sure to get product that matches your fence structure (look at ID & OD)
if animal can get out of gaps around gate or bottom of fence, zip tie these to fence to plug gap
https://www.homedepot.com/p/327682713

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