

# How To Prepare For Animals During COVID\_19



During these uncertain times, it is more important than ever to plan ahead to keep yourself and your pets safe. Follow these tips to make an emergency plan for your pets:

## 1. Ensure pets have identification:

**Microchip:** Be sure to keep the microchip registration up-to-date, and include at least one emergency number of a friend or relative who resides out of your immediate area.

*All dogs and cats should have a collar with current phone numbers on ID tag*

## 2. Make a plan:

In the event that you contract COVID-19 or are hospitalized, think of where and who could possibly temporarily care for your animal for the minimum 14 days as it is recommended not to touch animals during this time:

*There's no evidence that they can transmit to us but there is growing concern that we have to protect our pets from either getting it from other animals or getting it from other humans. If you are ill it is recommended to not touch our pets.*

In cases of hospitalization or sadly in the event of death, know what you wish for your animals and arrange who would continue to care for them.

### Emergency Boarding:

Find a trusted family member or friend to care for pets. Make sure that person is comfortable handling your pets.

*Solutions for temporary holdings are boarding kennels, out of home relatives or friends, veterinarian.*

*Long term solutions are relatives, friends and in worse case scenarios possibly having arrangements with the local animal shelter.*

## 3. Prepare an emergency kit for each animal: ( Can be used for ANY emergency, get prepared now!)

**Stock up on the items below:** Store your disaster kit supplies in an easy-to-grab container.

- **1-2 week supply of food.** Store it in a water-tight container. If you use canned food, include a spare can opener.
- **1-2 week supply of fresh water.** If it's unsafe for you, it's unsafe for your animals.
- **Medication:** Keep a supply of medications with dosages and directions in the kit.
- Copies of **vaccination records**
- **Photographs** of you with your pets to prove ownership/ make posters
- **Pet first aid kit**
- **Carrier or leash for each animal.** Any way to keep a pet restrained during travel as they may try to flee due to the stressful situation.