

Emergency Pet Care Plan



Creating an emergency pet care plan now will give you piece of mind in the event of an emergency, such as hospitalization, and will keep your pet safe and ready to welcome you home when you return.

Here is some guidance to plan for emergency animal care in case you are temporarily unable to look after your pet:

Find a place for your pet to stay. Reach out to family, friends, pet sitters, and neighbors ahead of time, finding a committed pet caregiver in case you suddenly need assistance.

Keep your pet's identification up to date. Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with ID tags and/or has a microchip with current information so he can be found if he becomes lost in new surroundings.

Assemble an emergency kit for your pet. Have a crate, food, and extra supplies ready to go with your pet to the temporary caregiver. Also include a list of current vaccinations, feeding instructions, and a profile of your pet's personality and behavior to help the transition with the caregiver go smoothly.

Don't forget to include medical needs. Include any medications and provide instructions for administration and dosage. Also, provide your veterinarian's contact information in case your pet needs medical attention during his stay with the caregiver.

Place pet alert decals on your doors advising emergency responders that you have pets in your home. If you don't have a decal, you can make one showing the number and type of pets in your home.

Planning ahead is key to ensuring the safety and care of your pet during this time of uncertainty. We hope you'll never have to implement your emergency plan, but by creating one today, you'll be able to keep your pets safe.