Pet Planning for COVID-19

If you are sick with COVID-19 (either suspected or confirmed), the CDC recommends that you restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people. Take time now to make plans and prepare your pets in case you need help caring for them due to COVID-19.

**Designate a trusted pet caregiver**
Your caregiver should know your emergency plan and be familiar with your pet.

**Check Supplies**
Have crates, food, extra litter and other supplies on hand for quick movement of pets.

**Ensure Proper ID**
Make sure tags include current contact info.
Make sure your pet’s microchip is registered and up to date.

**Check Medications**
If your pet is on medication, ask your veterinarian for an extra supply.
Ensure all medications are documented with dosages and administering instructions.

**Plan ahead**
Talk with your local veterinarian, kennel, grooming facility, or other potential boarding facilities to see if they can offer safe shelter for your pet during a health emergency.

**Pack ahead**
Put together a Go Bag for each pet with basic food, supplies, medicine, identification, a list of emergency contacts, your veterinarian’s contact information, and proof of vaccination.
Keep a collar/harness, leash, and your animal’s Go Bag in a place where it can be easily found.

**Avoid contact with your pet if you are sick with COVID-19.**
When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them.

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