

Pet Care Plan (during a Pandemic Situation)

Prior Planning is as important for your pets as it is for your family.

- Ensure that your animals have at least a 30- day food supply.
- Ensure you have a cage for your pet that allows the pet to stand up and turn around the cage without difficulty.
- o If you have a cat, ensure that its litter box can fit into the cage with them and still allow the cat room to move around.

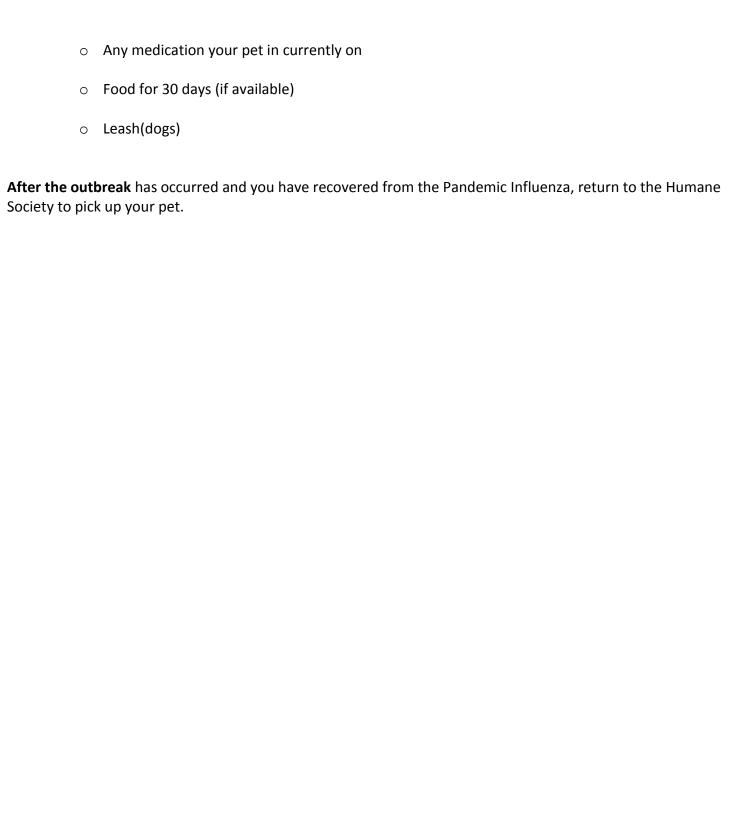
Create a family pet care plan.

- Contact neighbours and friends and ask them if they would take care of animals in case your entire family became ill and had to go to the hospital.
- Create a <u>family pet care document</u> stating the feeding schedule and where the food/water is located and if the pets are inside/outside or inside pets only. Also included in this document should be a copy of your pet's health records including microchip number and vaccination status and a picture of your pet. Emergency contact numbers of relatives/friends should be included. Provide this document to all of the people that might be providing care for your pet or pets.
- Have more than one family/person lined up to take care of your pets. No one knows who influenza will affect; the more options you have during an outbreak the better off your pets will be.

What should you do during a Pandemic Influenza outbreak in your family?

- Initiate your family pet care plan.
- o Contact the first person on your pet care list to see if they can care for your pet.
- O It is best for your animal to keep them in their home environment. If possible, have your pet-caregiver come to your home to feed and walk your pet. Ensure you remind them to wash their hands before and after they touch your pet, as well as before and after they leave your home. There is currently no evidence that pets can transmit the virus, but surfaces throughout the house may be contaminated for a short period of time (about an hour) after the ill family has departed the premises.
- o If the first care giver becomes ill, they should go down your list to the care giver you had lined up and ask if the second person could take care of your animals.
- If your caregiver list is exhausted and your entire family is hospitalized or unable to care for your pets, please contact your local Humane Society to inquire about any Emergency Boarding programs they may offer.
- o If you should have to bring your pet to be admitted, it would be ideal to bring:
 - Copy of recent medical records with vaccination status and microchip number







PET CARE PLAN

Date:		
This is a pet care Plan for		·
	is a (age)	year old female/male spayed/neutere
	_ (breed).	
Their microchip number is		·
Their regular veterinarian is (clinic name)	at
Their last <u>vaccinations</u> were profollowing:		and included the
2		
3		
4		
Known Medical Conditions:		
1		
2		
The following people have ag neighbors)	reed to take care of n	ny pets should I become ill: (friends, relatives
1.		(name/phone number)
2		
3		



Feeding Schedule:		
	(Animal's Name) is fed	cups of food once/Twice a day.
Food is stored		·
This animal is an inside o	nly, inside& outside, outside only pet.	I normally change the litter box every
·		
The litter is kept		·
Pet Owner:		
Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		
Emergency Contact:		
Fmail:		