

Pet Care Plan during a Pandemic Influenza Outbreak

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 at all times.
- Ensure you have a cage for your pet that allows the pet to stand up and turn around the cage without difficulty.
- 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 family pet care document 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?**

- Initiate your family pet care plan.
- Contact the first person on your pet care list to see if they are able to care for your pet.
- 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.
- 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 care giver 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.
- If you should have to bring your pet to be admitted, you will need to bring:
 - Copy of recent medical records – with vaccination status and microchip number
 - Any medication your pet in currently on
 - Food for 30 days
 - Leash(dogs)

After the outbreak has occurred and you have recovered from the Pandemic Influenza, you return to the pet admission facility and pick up your pet.

You will need to bring with you:

- Documentation to prove the animal is yours
- A copy of your animal's records to include microchip number
- A picture of your pet.

Date: _____

This is a pet care Plan for _____.
_____ is a (age) _____ - year old female/male spayed/neutered
_____ (breed).

Their microchip number is _____.

Their regular veterinarian is (clinic name) _____ at
_____.

Their last **vaccinations** were performed on (date) _____ and included the following:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Known Medical Conditions:

1. _____
2. _____

The following people have agreed to take care of my pets should I become ill: (friends, relatives neighbors)

1. _____ (name/phone number)
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Feeding Schedule:

_____ (Animal's Name) is fed _____ cups of food once/Twice a day.

Food is stored _____.

This animal is an inside only, inside& outside, outside only pet. I normally change the litter box every _____.

The litter is kept _____.

Pet Owner:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Email: _____