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**HUMANE SOCIETY REMINDING PET OWNERS TO BE  
“PET PREPARED” IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY**

**KITCHENER, ONTARIO:** Amidst the COVID-19 information being distributed to the public, The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth would like to take the opportunity to remind pet owners about being prepared to care for their pet in the face of a personal emergency.

“As with any time, we are just reminding pet owners to be prepared to care for their pets, or to have a plan should they not be able to temporarily care for them,” stated Kathrin Delutis, executive director, The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth.

Should you become ill and unable to care for your pet, the Humane Society is urging people to have a plan in place and to consider the following:

- Identify a family member or friend who can care for your pet if you were to become ill.
- Have crates, food, and extra supplies on hand for quick movement of pets.
- Keep all animal vaccines up to date in the event boarding becomes necessary. Call your veterinarian now to book an appointment.
- Ensure all medications are documented with dosages and administering instructions. Including a prescription from your vet is also helpful.
- Ensure pet medications are filled.
- Ensure your pet has a collar with proper identification – tag and license – and microchip, should they need to be cared for by a family member, friend or boarding facility. A microchip is the best practice.

For those individuals with questions about the health of their pet, please contact your veterinarian.

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