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**PET ACCESS
RESOURCE GUIDE**



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Section 1

Low Cost Vet Care



- ASPCA Mobile Clinic (877) 772-9692: The ASPCA offers free and low-cost spay/neuter services throughout the five boroughs, targeting the most underserved communities via a mobile spay/neuter van. For more information on cost and logistics, check the website: www.asPCA.org/nyc/spay-neuter-services/mobile-spay-neuter-clinic*

*Click on the calendar icon for locations.

ASPCA Animal Hospital 424 East 92nd Street, New York, NY 10128

NYC residents with an annual household income under \$50,000 and a qualifying medical condition.

Call (646) 259-4080 to inquire about appointment eligibility and availability **By appointment only**

ASPCA Community Veterinary Centers: Brooklyn and the Bronx

*If you are a resident of Brooklyn or the Bronx with an annual household income of under \$50,000, call **844-MY-ASPCA (844-692-7722)** for information or to inquire about an appointment at the ASPCA's Community Veterinary Center in your borough. Please note these are NOT emergency clinics.*

- ASPCA Community Veterinary Center – (Brooklyn residents only – By appointment only)
464 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207
- ASPCA Community Veterinary Center – (Bronx residents only – By appointment only)
501 E 161 St., Bronx, NY 10451

PET MEDS FREE “ASK THE VET” WEBSITE:

www.1800petmeds.com/education/ask-the-vet-form.htm



www.pawsny.org - - (212) 203-4760, Ext. 302

Our Services: (referrals@pawsny.org) PAWS NY services are designed to help our clients overcome the physical and financial limitations they face caring for their animal companions. If you are a senior or someone with an illness or disability, and you are struggling with the day to day care of your pet, then PAWS NY might be able to assist. Please note our focus is on physical assistance, and we are unable to provide financial assistance.

House call program: This is our core program through which PAWS NY volunteers provide on-site home visits to our clients. Visits generally include: dog walking, litter maintenance, medication administration, and provision of food and water. Other services may be provided to existing clients who are already receiving the aforementioned services.

Client Eligibility: In order to qualify for services, individuals must meet **each** of the following criteria:

- Be in need of on-going house call services as outlined above
- Be a New York City resident
- Be a senior citizen (60+), or individual suffering from a temporary or permanent disability or illness
- Have an impaired ability to provide day-to-day care for your pet(s)
- Have a maximum gross monthly income of no more than \$1,850
- ***Please note that PAWS NY has expanded their services to those clients who are hospitalized.**

SERVICES WE DO NOT PROVIDE:

- Adoption/Placement services
- Spay/Neuter services
- Veterinary care for pets not in our House call Program

Vet Mobile



**Animal
Adoption**



**Veterinary
Center**

Office: 718-544-7387

InfoLINE: 718-770-7387

HelpLINE: 718-321-7387

Info@LowCostVet.org

WWW.LOWCOSTVET.ORG

Low Cost “Vet Mobile” has served 10,000 pet guardian families in its first three years! There are two major programs introduced by Companion Animal Network. A telephone “hotline” to assist pet owners in times of crises, called “The Safety Net” Hotline, and a super low cost full veterinary service, the “low Cost Vet Mobile.” **Please note: Proof of income status may be required.**

Some of the Vet Mobile Services Available

Dentistry

Most surgeries

Glucose curves

FIV/FELV test

Heartworm snap test

Fecal test

Vaccinations

Cherry eye tie-down surgeries

Eye and ear infections

Blood tests

Mange

Heartworm treatment

Splints and casts

Orthopedics

Parvo test
Urinary and bowel blockages
Laser therapy

Mammary tumors
Giardia test
Board certified specialized surgeries

Note: They have been limited to Queens since the pandemic, but hope to expand back to the 5 boroughs soon.

24/7 Animal Help Line



Announcing...

NEW 24/7 Animal HelpLINE launched!
718-321-PETS
then press 4, then 0, then 2, then 1

WE ANSWER CALLS 24 HRS A DAY FOR ONLY THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCIES:

- NOT URINATING OR REDUCED URINATION
- ATTACKED BY ANOTHER ANIMAL
- HIT BY CAR
- FALL OUT OF WINDOW
- ATE POISON
- FACIAL SWELLING AND HEAVY BREATHING AFTER VACCINATIONS
- TINY PUPPIES OR KITTENS FOUND
- SEIZURES
- PUPPY OR UNDER 1 YR OLD DOG VOMITING AND DIARRHEA AT SAME TIME





www.vetclinics.com*

***(Put in the Zip Code to find locations)
(Vaccinations and Microchipping)**

Bring your dog or cat into a Petco or Unleashed location in your neighborhood and save on the cost of vaccinations, heartworm and Lyme disease testing and purchase prescription flea, tick and heartworm prevention products. Don't risk losing your best friend - get your dog or cat microchipped at Vetco for only \$19.

Vetco offers affordable, low cost vaccination services and preventive veterinary care during convenient evening and weekend hours. Our state licensed Veterinarians administer high-quality vaccines with no appointments and no exam fees. You'll find low cost dog and cat vaccinations, puppy and kitten vaccine programs and the great prices on quality pet meds at our nation-wide vet clinics at Petco. We offer heartworm tests and rabies shots, bordetella (kennel cough), distemper vaccines and much more. Visit our website and enter your zip code at the top of any page to find a Vetco clinic near you.



Saving Animals in the Five Boroughs of New York City.

P.O. Box 140486, Staten Island, NY 10314

www.nysave.org / nycitysave@gmail.com

Phone: (917) 669-7281 / Fax: (718) 720-1110

The goal of NY SAVE is for any pet owner residing in one of the five boroughs of New York City who is truly in need of financial assistance to be able to take their pet to any participating veterinary hospital for emergency veterinary care. Pet owners can apply directly to NY SAVE or obtain services through a referral by a veterinarian who is a member of the Veterinary Medical Association of New York City. To qualify, pet owners need to provide identification and some form of documentation indicating that they are currently unemployed, on public assistance, disabled or living at or below the poverty level. There is a \$2,000.00 annual limit per household. Pet owners who are able to pay a portion of the veterinary care will be asked to do so on a sliding-scale basis. Veterinarians participating in the program will reduce their fees in order to care for animals accepted for treatment under NY SAVE. The pets treated through NY SAVE will receive the same level of care as any other veterinary patients. After treating the emergency condition, the veterinarian will institute the appropriate therapy for the continued stabilization of your pet.

What is NY SAVE? NY SAVE is a philanthropic organization established to provide funding for the emergency veterinary care of companion animals when their owners are unable to pay the costs of such treatment. NY SAVE's overall purpose is to alleviate suffering of companion animals.

How does a pet owner qualify for financial aid under NY SAVE? Any New York City resident pet owner may apply when he/she truly needs financial assistance to pay for emergency veterinary care. To verify your financial status, we will ask you to provide identification and some form of documentation indicating that you are currently unemployed, on public assistance, disabled, or living at or below the poverty level.

How do pet owners apply for funding? Pet owners may apply directly to NY Save, or they may be referred through veterinarians who are members of the [Veterinary Medical Association of New York City](#). NY SAVE can provide up to \$2,000 per emergency case.

Are there any instances when the pet owner will be expected to contribute to the cost of veterinary care? If it is determined that a pet owner can afford to pay a portion of the treatment costs, we ask them to do so. Any contributions by pet owners will be requested on a sliding-scale basis.

Will veterinarians reduce their fees in order to care for animals accepted for treatment under the NY SAVE program? Yes. Veterinarians are asked to reduce their fees by at least 20%.

Will the pets treated through the NY SAVE program receive the same level of care as other veterinary patients? Yes. Also, after treating the emergency condition, the veterinarian will institute the appropriate therapy to ensure the continued stabilization of the animal.

The Humane Society of New York

(212) 752-4840 - (212) 752-4840

<http://www.humanesocietyny.org> – info.hsny@verizon.net

Clinic Hours: Open 7 days (by appointment only) 8:30 a.m. - 4: 00 p.m.

Clinic Appointments & Inquiries: between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Address: 306 E. 59th St (between 1st and 2nd Avenues) NYC 10022

Our full service-service veterinary hospital enables dog and cat owners with limited incomes to receive quality treatment for their pets at affordable rates. Services range from basic wellness care to advance diagnostic and surgical procedures.

- Seven days a week, dog and cat owners with limited means turn to the Society for quality veterinary care at affordable rates.
- Services range from basic wellness care to spay/neuter to advanced diagnostic and surgical procedures.
- Neediest cases (frequently elderly or disabled owners with acutely ill pets) receive full or partial underwriting for care; costs are covered through the Society's **Animal Emergency Appeal**. Each year, hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of life-giving care for animals in need is made a reality through such underwriting.
- **The Animal Multi Spay/Neuter Program** – Covers majority of spay/neuter costs for pet owners. The service is available by appointment.
- Also by appointment, owners of pit bulls and pit bull mixes may have their pets neutered at any time, costs covered by the Society.
- **The Outdoor Cat Spay/Neuter Program** - the New York area's first such effort-prevents much unnecessary suffering by underwriting spay/neuter and basic wellness care for feral cats.
- Adoption dogs are evaluated and trained under the supervision of renowned animal behaviorist Bill Berloni, the Society's Director of Dog Training. After dogs go home, Bill continues to guide and assist new owners.

Clinical Services

Office Visits	Wellness Exams
Inoculations	Blood Tests
X-rays/Ultra Sound	Geriatric Care
Surgical Mgmt.	EKG
Spay/Neuter	Hospitalization
Endoscopy	Dentistry

Pets for Life NYC

Hotlines: (917) 468-2938-Prompt 4

www.nyc.service.org/organizations/1167200 West 57th Street – Suite 705, NY, NY 10015

What is Pets for Life? Pets for Life NYC (PFLNYC), a Program of the Humane Society of the United States, is an innovative pet surrender prevention program dedicated to helping people resolve problems that could otherwise lead them to surrender their pets to the city's shelter where the animals risk euthanasia due to lack of enough homes. PFLNYC offers free and low-cost behavior training, reduced cost veterinary services for those who qualify, free/low cost spay/neuter resources, foster homes and reduced cost boarding for pets of people in crisis, landlord-tenant pet related assistance, allergy and shedding solutions, and general guidance and support for pet guardians.

ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER



510 East 62nd Street, New York, NY 10065

Main Phone Number: 212- 838-8100

Appointments: 212- 838-7053

Financial Assistance Inquiries: 212-329-8767

<http://www.amcny.org/#> / <https://www.amcny.org/community-funds>

Email: csm@amcny.org – Financial Assistance Dept.

Applicants must reside in the tristate area (New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut) and receive a medical referral for their pets by an AMC. Financial assistance is available for care and treatment rendered at AMC. 24 hour emergency service available.

About Us: The Animal Medical Center in New York City is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit veterinary center that has been a national leader in animal care since 1910. As an academic veterinary hospital, AMC promotes the health and well-being of companion animals through advanced treatment, research and education. Our staff is comprised of nearly 100 veterinarians who utilize an interdisciplinary team approach in our Elmer and Mamdouha Bobst Hospital, combining expertise in more than 17 key specialties and services to care for your pet 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Our Mission: The Animal Medical Center (AMC) is dedicated to providing compassionate and collaborative care to animals and to leading the advancement of veterinary medicine through innovative clinical research and education. **Compassion, Advancement, Respect, Excellence!**

Other Low-Cost Vet Programs

The Community Pets Program is a compassionate outreach program of Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC). Our goal is simple: keep pets together with their human families by providing access to necessary health and welfare resources for pets. ACC's Community Pets Program provides free pet vaccination and microchip clinics, free dog training and cat behavior assistance, free spay/neuter appointments, free tenant advocacy and assistance with pet-related housing issues, and more. Scroll down for more details on each resource. For more information, please contact CommunityPets@nycacc.org.

Value Veterinary Clinic 2074 Cross Bronx Expressway, The Bronx, NY 10472 718-822-7387

Astoria Animal Society – full-service, low-cost veterinary clinic.
25-33 36 Ave 1st Floor Long Island City, New York 11106 718-777-2018

Banfield Pet Clinics

Brooklyn: 238 Atlantic Ave Brooklyn, NY, 11201 Phone: (718) 522-0415
Upper Manhattan: 295 W 112th St New York, NY, 10026 Phone: (212) 222-1221
Staten Island: 1525 Forest Ave Staten Island, NY, 10302 Phone: (718) 273-4091

The Healthy Pets Project of NYC
www.healthypetsnyc.org

Animal Medical center Community funds
www.amcnyc.org/community/funds

Positive Tails
www.positivetails.org/apply

Section 2

Pet Food and Pet Training

The Humane Society of the United States

Pet Help Partners

(917) 484-3169 Prompt 1

www.nyc.service.org/organizations/1167

Is Your Cat's Behavior Frustrating You?



Pet Help Partners has free expert cat behavior assistance to help you and your cat live together happily. Call (917) 484-3169-Prompt 1 for assistance.

New York Common Pantry

8 East 109th Street, New York, NY 10029 - 917-720-9700*

CALL FIRST AS SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!



PET FOOD:

Emergency pet food is available during business hours
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Note: There is no information on the actual website but we contacted organization and they do in fact provide pet food (while supplies are available).

Free & Low-Cost Pet Food, Litter & Supplies



<http://www.animalallianceny.org/yourpet/food.htm>

If you live in the New York City area and need a little help affording food and supplies for your pets, these programs can help.

Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC) Pet Food Pantry: BRONX RESIDENTS ONLY! ACC's Pet Food Pantry, housed at their Bronx Admissions Center, is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for dog and cat owners who may be experiencing difficulties in providing for their loved ones. With a generous grant from Animal Farm Foundation and donations from New Yorkers, ACC's Bronx Admissions Center provides dog and cat food to those in need in the borough. Owners must bring their pets in for free microchipping and sign an enrollment agreement in order to begin receiving pet food. <http://www.nycacc.org/services/community-pets-program>

Pet Food Pantry - ACC Bronx Admissions Center
464 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458

Animal Relief Fund (ARF): Animal Relief Fund (ARF) helps to keep pets with their families and reduce the number of abandoned dogs and cats by distributing pet food to local food pantries that serve New York families in need. <http://arf-ny.org/>

Food Bank For New York City: Food Bank For New York City sometimes has pet food available at its food pantries (availability depends on how much food has been donated). Contact them for more information. <https://www.foodbanknyc.org/>

Healthy Pets Project of NYC: Healthy Pets Project of NYC offers free spay/neuter services, pet food, and supplies for low-income pet owners, and assistance to those facing financial hardship due to a veterinary emergency, with the goal of keeping pets in their homes. Applicants are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and must meet certain criteria. <http://www.healthypetsnyc.org/>

PAWS NY: PAWS Pet Pantry: PAWS NY partners with food banks and food delivery services, and distributes pet food and supplies on a limited basis to people who are having trouble buying food for their pets. We evaluate each client on a case-by-case basis and offer services accordingly. <https://pawsny.org/services>

Pets of the Homeless: Distributing Organizations: Pets of the Homeless works with distributing organizations — local food banks, pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters — who have agreed to distribute the pet food to the homeless and poor in their communities around the country <https://www.petsofthehomeless.org/get-help/?r=New+York>

Section 3

Dog and Cat Grooming

Day and evening appointments available. Call or Text!



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PET GROOMING

202 East 25th Street, New York, NY 10010

Office: 212-686-3890

Cell: 718-687-0744

SERVICES:

Dog Haircuts and Baths:

Small dogs up to 20 lbs - \$50

Medium Dogs – 21 lbs – 50 lbs - \$ 65 and up

Large Dogs – Over 50 lbs - \$85

Anal Glands - \$10

Nail clipping - \$10

Complete Cat Grooming:

Cats – Starts at \$85

Section 4

Pets that are Dying or Deceased

Animal Care Centers of New York City



<http://www.nycacc.org/index.htm>

Euthanasia:

Services for Owned Animals: Saying goodbye to your companion is not easy. Animal Care Centers of NYC is here to support you during this difficult time. For pets that are terminally ill, aged or injured to the extent that they will never lead a normal happy and healthy life, euthanasia is a humane option. We recommend that before you make any decision, you speak to your vet about it first.

We encourage you to bring your pet to a private veterinarian for euthanasia services whenever possible, as this may make it easier to say goodbye to your beloved companion. If this is not possible, you can bring your pet to one of our Care Centers to discuss your options and the humane euthanasia service we provide to the public.

Euthanasia is performed by a lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital. Each procedure is completed with care and compassion by a euthanasia certified technician. The cost of this service is \$125.00. Final decision as to whether euthanasia is the appropriate option or not will be made by Animal Care Centers.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate visitation requests during the procedure or cremation requests after the procedure.

Pet Cremation and Burial: It is very common for pet owners to have their deceased pets cremated. You need to decide if you wish to keep your pet's ashes as a remembrance. If so, you will want to arrange an individual (or private) cremation, meaning that your pet will be cremated alone. Businesses that offer individual cremation commonly offer home pick-up/delivery of remains as part of their service packages. Depending on local laws, it may be legal to bury an animal on your own property. It is typically illegal to bury an animal on public lands such as parks. If you desire burial for your pet but do not have land of your own, check to see if there is a pet cemetery or memorial park in your area.

Animal Medical Center

510 E. 62 Street, NY, NY
(212) 838-8100

The Animal Medical Center is open 24 hours and will accept your animal for communal cremation at any time, day or night, for a \$200 fee. Other cremation services are available, but must be arranged directly with the third-party cremation service provider.

Burial: It is legal to bury an animal on your own property in New York City, but it is illegal to bury an animal on public lands such as parks. If you desire burial for your pet and are not fortunate enough to have a garden of your own, you still have options. The first is Pet Haven, a company that serves the entire tristate area. Pet Haven has a beautiful pet cemetery in the Poconos, and you can have as much or as little involvement with the burial as you are comfortable with. Pet Haven offers many other services as well--please visit the company's website to learn more.

Pet Haven Cemetery & Crematory

East End Avenue, NY, NY
(917) 608-9729

Hartsdale Pet Cemetery & Crematory

75 North Central Park Avenue, Hartsdale, NY
(800) 375-5234

ASPCA Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital

424 E. 92 Street, NY, NY
(212) 876-7700, ext. 4200

If you wish to keep your pet closer to home, you may wish to consider Hartsdale Pet Cemetery in Westchester County, NY. Bring your pet's body to the ASPCA's Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital, which will hold it for up to 10 days while you make arrangements with Hartsdale. Hartsdale will retrieve the body from the ASPCA and keep it until burial service or, if you decide on individual cremation, return ashes to you. The ASPCA will charge a refundable deposit to hold your pet on behalf of Hartsdale.

Fee-Free Options: The New York City Department of Sanitation will pick up animal remains that are left curbside. This service is free of charge, but there are specific rules that must be followed:

On your neighborhood's regular trash pickup day, place the animal in a heavy-duty, black plastic bag and put it in your usual collection spot. Tape a note to the bag stating "deceased animal inside."

If you have any questions about disposing of a deceased pet in this manner, please call 311, New York City's government and service information hotline.

Free Services for tenants or program participants who have suffered a loss of a pet:

Bide-A-Wee hold monthly support groups run by licensed clinical social workers with experience in the fields of illness, loss, and bereavement.
212-532-4986 katelyn.lombard@bideawee.org

Animal Medical Center holds a free pet loss support group every other Thursday in Manhattan. 212-838-8100

ASPCA Partners in Care - May cover Euthanasia and communal cremations for low income applicants. 212-876-7700 Ext. 4420

Section 5

Volunteering with Animals

Locations in Manhattan:

- 1) **Animal Haven** · www.animalhavenshelter.org/volunteer
212-274-8511, Ext. 2
200 Centre Street (SoHo)
Description: Volunteer opportunities for dog-walking, cat socializing, assisting potential adopters.

- 2) **KittyKind** · www.kittykind.org/volunteer/form
Volunteermanager@kittykind.org
212-726-2652
Petco at 860 Broadway at 17th Street
Description: Feed and clean kittens awaiting adoption at the KittyKind adoption center. This is an ongoing, weekly commitment with the approximate hours of 2-4 p.m. Training is provided and volunteers must be over the age of 18.

- 3) **ASPCA** · www.asPCA.org/take-action/volunteer
212-876-7700
424 East 92nd Street
Description: greet adopters, socialize cats, exercise and socialize shelter dogs, clean up kennels. To volunteer, go online and reserve a spot for orientation.

- 4) **NYC Audubon** · www.nycaudubon.org/volunteer/volunteer-in-the-office
Info@nycaudubon.org

212-691-7483

71 West 23rd Street, #1523

Description: NYC Audubon protects the city's birds and their habitats. Volunteers are needed for weekday office tasks. This includes answering phones, sending out mail, making photocopies, sending out faxes, and more challenging tasks such as writing grants, and updating paperwork.

- 5) **Ollie's Place/Mighty Mutts** – www.mightymutts.org/volunteer
 (Click on Apply to Volunteer)

212-875-7538

430 East 9TH Street

Description: Feed care and socialize with cats at the adoption center or volunteer Saturdays at Union Square Park, where dogs meet potential new families.



Locations in the Boroughs, and Additional Opportunities in Manhattan

- 1) **Animal Care Centers of New York** www.nycacc.org/volunteer.html
 (Click on Application process)

212-788-4000 · volunteerinfo@nycacc.org

326 East 110th Street (Manhattan)

2336 Linden Blvd (Brooklyn)

3139 Veterans Road West (Staten Island)

Description: dog walking, dog and cat adoption counseling, clerical support. All volunteers must attend one mandatory orientation/training session.

How to Volunteer: 1) Attend an orientation; 2) Submit an application at the orientation session; 3) Interview with the volunteer coordinator – not everyone who attends orientation will be asked for an interview. Availability depends on skills needed at the time of your application. A \$25 application fee is due at the time of the interview and it includes a volunteer t-shirt and a photo ID; 4) Participate in assigned training; 5) Schedule a staff or volunteer shadow appointment; 6) Begin your regular weekly scheduled volunteering.

- 2) **BARC** · www.barcshelter.org

718-486-7940

Barcshelter.org/volunteer.html

86 North First Street, Brooklyn, NY 11249 (entrance is located next to the vet's office)

Description: dog walking and cat visiting. Download an application from their website then call them.

3) Sean Casey Animal Rescue Center. www.nyanimalrescue.org/volunteer

718-436-5163

153 East 3rd Street, Brooklyn

Description: Dog walking

Section 6

Hurricane Shelter for Pets

Hurricane Sheltering

Hurricane Shelters:

If the mayor orders an evacuation of coastal areas, the City strongly recommends that evacuees stay with friends or family outside evacuation zone boundaries. However, for those who have no alternative shelter, the City has identified hurricane shelters throughout the five boroughs. All New Yorkers are welcome at NYC Evacuation Centers and Hurricane Shelters regardless of their immigration status.

The shelters are secure facilities with public safety personnel on site. They are designed to accommodate people with disabilities and special needs. **Please bring bedding, toiletries, medication, and other personal items for you and your loved ones travelling with you.**

To find out the location of your nearest evacuation center, use Office of Emergency Management's [Hurricane Evacuation Zone Finder](#) to locate your evacuation zone, and the system will direct you to the proper facility. During an emergency, you can also obtain this information by calling **311**.

The NYC emergency sheltering system is friendly to all pets but you will be responsible for their care so please bring your pet's food, leashes, cage, and medication. Legal pets with proper identification will be admitted into shelters with their owners. Owners should bring cleaning and food supplies with them, as well as containers and leashes.

Evacuating With Your Pet: Think about where you will go with your pet and how you will get there if you have to leave home during an emergency. Plan to shelter your pet at a kennel or with friends or relatives outside the evacuation area. In planning for an emergency evacuation:

- Arrange for family or friends outside of the affected area to shelter your pet.
- Identify animal-friendly hotels/motels outside of the affected area.
- Talk with your local veterinarian, boarding kennel, or grooming facility to see if they can offer safe shelter for your pet during an emergency.
- Practice evacuation plans to familiarize your pet with the process and increase his/her comfort level.
- Know your pet's hiding places so you can easily find him/her during an emergency.
- Keep in mind a stressed pet may behave differently than normal and his/her aggression level may increase. Use a muzzle to prevent bites. Also be advised that panicked pets may try to flee.
- Create a Go Bag for your pet or service animal — a collection of items your pet may need in case of an evacuation. Discuss your pet's Go Bag with your local veterinarian to see if there are any special items that you should include.

Pet Go Bag Checklist:

- A current color photograph of you and your pet together (in case you are separated)
- Copies of medical records that indicate dates of vaccinations and a list of medications your pet takes and why he or she takes them
- Proof of identification and ownership, including copies of registration information, adoption papers, proof of purchase, and microchip information
- Physical description of your pet, including his/her species, breed, age, sex, color, distinguishing traits, and any other vital information about characteristics and behavior
- Animal first-aid kit, including flea and tick treatment and other items recommended by your veterinarian
- Food and water for at least three days
- Food and water dishes
- Collapsible cage or carrier
- Muzzle and sturdy leash
- Cotton sheet to place over the carrier to help keep your pet calm
- Comforting toys or treats
- Litter, litter pan, litter scoop
- Plastic bags for clean up

Some emergencies may prevent you from returning home. In planning for such emergencies:

- Identify a trusted friend, neighbor, or dog walker to care for your pet in your absence. This person should have a set of your house keys, be familiar with your home and pet, know your emergency plan, and have your contact information.
- Put stickers on the main entrances to your home to alert rescue workers of the number and types of pets inside. Update the information on the stickers every six months. Free Rescue Alert stickers can be ordered from the ASPCA.
- Keep a collar/harness, leash, and your pet's Go Bag in a place where it can be easily found.

Proper identification:

- Dogs and cats should wear a collar or harness, rabies tag, and identification tag at all times. Identification tags should include your name, address, and phone number, and the phone number of an emergency contact. Dogs should also wear a license. Get information on dog licensing from the NYC Department of Health.
- Talk to your veterinarian, call 311, or visit NYC.gov about microchipping your pet. A properly registered microchip enables positive identification of your pet if you and your pet are separated.
- Current color photo of your pet (in the event it becomes lost).

After An Emergency:

- Following an emergency, be extra careful when letting your pet loose outdoors and be sure your pet wears an identification tag.
- Familiar scents and landmarks may have been altered, which may cause your pet to become confused or lost. If your pet is lost, visit Animal Care & Control of New York City
- In addition, beware of other dangers after a disaster, such as downed power lines and debris created by strong winds or rain.

Any comments or pet resources you'd like to share?

ksass@communityaccess.org or (212) 780-1400 Ext. 7702

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