



## EMERGENCY PLAN FOR PETS DURING COVID 19

While our numbers of positive cases in Berrien County continues to grow; we urge you to have an emergency plan in place for your pets in case you contract COVID 19.

### **Designate an Emergency Caregiver**

- Make prior arrangements with friends or family to care for your pets in the event that you are hospitalized from COVID 19.
- Call your vet and local vets and ask if they can provide boarding in the event you become sick.

### **Build a kit**

Include basic survival items and items to keep your pet happy and comfortable. Start with this list, or download [Preparing Makes Sense for Pet Owners-Emergency Preparedness Pet Kit List \(PDF\)](#) to find out exactly what items your pet needs to be Ready.

- **Food.** At least a three day supply in an airtight, waterproof container.
- **Water.** At least three days of water specifically for your pets.
- **Medicines and medical records.**
- **Important documents.** Registration information, adoption papers and vaccination documents. Talk to your veterinarian about microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.
- **First aid kit.** Cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Including a pet first aid reference book is a good idea too.
- **Collar or harness with ID tag, rabies tag and a leash.**
- **Crate or pet carrier.** Have a sturdy, safe crate or carrier in case you need to evacuate. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.
- **Sanitation.** Pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach.
- **A picture of you and your pet together.** If you become separated, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you. Add species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.
- **Familiar items.** Familiar items, such as treats, toys and bedding can help reduce stress for your pet.