

## Pennsylvania Animal Response Team

## Providing Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery for Animal Emergencies

The Bucks County Animal Response Team (BCART) would like to remind Bucks County residents to plan for their pets as we face the crisis of COVID 19. Please do your part to plan for your animals so that resources can be used for those truly in need. Now is a great time to donate funds to a local shelter, animal rescue or pet food pantry; foster a pet or adopt a pet from your local shelter or animal rescue. If you know of a pet impacted by COVID 19 and in need, please contact us.

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Please check this website for up to date information: <u>https://covid19-bucksgis.hub.arcgis.com/</u>

Pet Owner

- Make sure that a neighbor, friend, or family member is aware that you have pets (and their needs) in case you are unable to return to your home, or if you have to leave due to emergency.
- Have a collar with phone number available for each pet. Ensure that your pet's microchip is registered. Take a picture of you and your pet together. Update your fire sticker (placed on your front door).
- Obtain copies of your pet's vaccination records. Put this info on fridge, or other obvious place, with your veterinarian's contact information (with medication instructions).
- Ensure you have a month's supply of food and medications for each pet.
- Share this checklist with your neighbors, friends, and family members so they do the same for their pets.

Farmer/hobby farmer

- Practice diligent biosecurity. Don't visit other farms; limit contacts coming onto your farm.
- Put plans into place to keep staff physically distanced as they work.
- Plan for a decreased work force; schedule shifts; prepare for backup workers.
- Share this checklist with your neighbors, friends, and family members so they do the same for their farms.

## If you are impacted by COVID19 and need temporary pet food assistance, some local food pantries are able to offer pet food in Bucks County. If you know of a food pantry in need of pet food donations, please contact us so that we can possibly provide pet food to that pantry. Here are a couple of them:

- 1. E.R.A. Food Pantry, 1700 S. Woodbourne Road, Levittown
- Mary's Food Cupboard/Catholic Social Services 215.945.2550 M-F 8:30 to 1:30 Please call for appointment 100 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, PA 19054

We are always welcoming new volunteers: <u>https://www.pasart.us/Pages/Home.aspx</u>

For more information, contact Bucks County Animal Response Team (BCART) coordinator: Michelle Grundahl at Bucks@paanimalresponse.org