



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. Now is a great time to donate funds to a local shelter, animal rescue or pet food pantry; or to foster a pet or adopt a pet from your local shelter or animal rescue. We encourage you to be prepared for an emergency by taking these steps:

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, or someone you know is struggling to provide for your pets, help is available.

To learn about food pantries in Bucks County that are providing pet food:

e-mail Bucks@paanimalresponse.org

Bucks County SPCA (215-794-7425) www.bcspca.org

Women's Animal Center (215-750-3100) www.womensanimalcenter.org

(NOTE: pet food distribution is through designated local food pantries only)

If you want to help, please support your local food pantry.

Thank you to these organizations who are providing pet food support for local food pantries:

Bucks County SPCA
Women's Animal Center
Animal Lifeline
Sam's Hope
The Bridge Clinic

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

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