

COVID-19 Preparedness



The Maryland SPCA is committed to the health and safety of our community, pets, and staff. We are closely monitoring developments around COVID-19, including documented cases in Maryland. We strongly encourage you to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) advice to protect yourself and your family. We also urge you to have a plan in place for the care of your pets.

Steps you can take

- Identify a friend/family member who can take care of your pet(s) in the event you become sick.
- Have food, supplies, and crates available so that you can move your pet(s) quickly.
- Keep your pet(s)' vaccines up to date.
- Document medications, along with directions for giving them. It's helpful to include the prescription from your veterinarian.
- Microchip your pet(s) and have a collar/harness with ID tags.

Supplies checklist

- Sturdy collar, harnesses, leashes.
- Hard carrier.
- First aid kit.
- Food, water, medicines, and treats for 14 days.
- Towels and blankets.
- Medications in a Ziploc bag.
- Current photos and pet descriptions.
- Vaccination records and veterinarian information.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical, or behavioral conditions.
- Paper towels, plastic bags, litter and litter box toys, and grooming items.

General resources about COVID-19

- [Federal guidance about COVID-19](#) | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [State guidance about COVID-19](#) | Maryland Department of Health.

The MD SPCA will continue to monitor the situation. In the meantime, we encourage you to take every precaution to keep you, your family, and your pets safe.