

Emergency Pet Preparedness Plan

The following are simple but important steps you can take to ensure your pet's health and safety in the case of a personal emergency (e.g., you are hospitalized, natural disaster, state of emergency).

Developing your plan:

- First and foremost, you'll want to identify an emergency contact or two. Ideally, these will be people who are local — neighbours if possible — that can be activated quickly to help provide access to your home and pet(s). If you have a trusted relative who is not local but can make decisions on your behalf, ensure that they are connected with someone local who will be able to help with any immediate needs (e.g., picking up a key to your home or dropping off pet food).
- You want to make it as easy as possible for someone else to care for your pet(s) if it becomes necessary; complete the attached checklist to prepare.
- Identify a trusted friend or neighbour to care for your pet(s) if members of your household become ill or are hospitalized; compile their contact info and keep it accessible.
- Prepare a two-week supply of pet food, medications, and pet care supplies (e.g., cat litter, carrier, enrichment toys, etc.) — have as much of this packed and ready as possible.
- Include copies of your pet's vaccination records, medication schedule, and veterinarian contact information.
- Include detailed care instructions, e.g., your pet's diet, walking routines and any important behavioural notes.
- Ensure your pet's collar tag and microchip information is up to date. Contact the microchip company to confirm. If you cannot find this information, you should contact your veterinarian or Brampton Animal Services for assistance or if you know the microchip number you can use <http://www.petmicrochiplookup.org/> to find contact information for the microchip company.
- Give the Emergency Pet Authorization form to your emergency contact in case you need the support of a local agency (e.g. Brampton Animal Services). This form authorizes them to access your home and take temporary custody of your animals if circumstances come up that make your emergency contacts unable to care for your animals.

Now, use the information collected in the steps above to fill out the template below for all your pets. Give this information to your emergency contact(s) and/or have it easily accessible in your home. All members of your family/household should know where to locate this form. If possible, we recommend having a two week supply of food and medications.



City of Brampton
Animal Services

475 Chrysler Drive
Brampton, Ontario L6S 6G3
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E-mail: animal.services@brampton.ca

I Authorize, _____ to have custody and control of the animals listed above. The purpose of this authorization is to provide necessary care for my animals during my absence. And In the event they are no longer able to care for my animals they can provide authority to Brampton Animal Services to enter into my dwelling to care for or remove my animals for Protective Custody.

Date _____



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