

## Pet Resource Guide

As concerns over COVID-19 and its impact on members of our communities continue to grow, it's important to keep the pets in our communities in mind as well. The following list has been compiled to help connect people with resources for their pets, should they struggle to care for their pet(s) due to illness or income loss; by sharing these resources in your communities, you will help both people and pets stay safe! Remember, this is an evolving issue and updated information is being released regularly. A full list of resources can be found at <http://bestfriends.org/covid19>.

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### **My pet is sick but I'm not able to leave my house. How can I get help?**

In response to COVID-19 and the need for accessible pet medical care, Best Friends is offering free veterinary consultations for 30 days to people unable to leave their homes through our Best Friends Vet Access app when you use the code BFHELPS. For more information on this app and how it works, visit <https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/covid-19-faqs-i-need-help#petsick>

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### **What should I do to prepare for my pet's care, just in case I do get sick?**

Here are some key actions you can take to prepare a contingency plan for your pet(s):

- Visit [bestfriends.org/petprep](https://resources.bestfriends.org/petprep) and follow the steps to make an emergency pet plan.
- Make sure your pets all have proper identification. Ensure microchip information is up to date in case you and your pet are separated. Found Animals offers a free registry for existing microchips at: <https://www.foundanimals.org/microchip-registry/>
- Keep a crate, food and extra supplies on hand with detailed pet care notes including feeding/walking routines, and important notes about your pet's behavior.
- Document all medications with dosages and administering instructions.
- Put "Animals Inside" signs in your doors/windows to alert first responders that you have pet(s).

For more information on how to prepare a COVID-19 Pet Preparedness Plan visit:

<https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/your-covid-19-pet-preparedness-plan>

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### **I'm struggling to feed/care for my pet. What can I do?**

We have list of national and regional support options for pet guardians who are struggling financially, as well as senior citizens, people with disabilities, and people who are seriously ill: <https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/financial-aid-pets>

For more information on pet food support in your area, visit:

<https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/covid-19-faqs-i-need-help#job>

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### **I need help with my pet but cannot find the resource I need.**

Contact us at [covid@bestfriends.org](mailto:covid@bestfriends.org) and we will do our best to connect you to local resources that may help with your situation!