



Pennsylvania Animal Response Team

Providing Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery for Animal Emergencies

Media Advisory

The Washington County Emergency Management Agency, Washington Area Humane Society and Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team would like to remind Washington County residents to remember their pets and farm animals as we face the crisis of Covid 19. We recommend:

Pet Owner's

- Obtaining copies of your pet's vaccination records in case you must seek temporary shelter for your pets.
- Ensure you have a month's supply of food and water for each pet as well as any necessary medication.
- 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 have to leave in an emergency.

Farmers

- Limit contacts on your farm and put plans into place to keep staff away from one another as they work.
- Plan for illness and decreased work force, schedule shifts and prepare backup.
- Covid 19 can live on the hide of animals, if there is an exposure, plan for a decontamination.

Refer to Pennsylvania Departments of Agriculture COVID-19 GUIDANCE: For Private Pet Owners for additional detail.

Please note that these organizations are planning for the worst-case scenario and do your part to plan for your pet so that those resources can be used for those truly in need.

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