



Emergency Intake Request

Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society

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AARCS is an animal welfare agency who believes in compassion and kindness. During the COVID19 crisis we understand that some members of the community will need assistance with their pets. Our goal is to ensure that pets remain in their homes and are making available emergency foster care and pet supply assistance to help our most vulnerable community members. We will try, within the organization's capacity and ability, to assist our community during this time. Each person's situation will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Before requesting assistance please ensure that you have exhausted all other avenues including friends, family, neighbours available to you during this time. **Capacity and funding for this program are very limited.**

Criteria

- Homeless and moving into an emergency, temporary housing facility that does not allow pets (*requires written (email) referral from social worker, health authority or housing organization*)
- COVID19 positive and going into hospital and do not have friends or family to care for animals (*with referral*)
- COVID19 positive staying at home, but caregivers cannot take care of my animals (allergies)
- I'm am low income and in need of pet supplies
- Cats, dogs, and some small animals (ie rabbits, hamsters)
- We do not have the ability to assist with ferrets, reptiles, birds, insects, or livestock but will do our best to refer to other organizations who may be able to assist

Questionnaire

Choose one:

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- COVID19 positive staying at home, but my caregivers cannot take care of my animals (*ex: allergies*)
- I am low income only in need of pet supplies... Please fill out our online form at **aarcs.ca/assistance-programs**
- I need to surrender my pet... Please request a surrender form or submit one online at **aarcs.ca/application-forms**
- Other. Please explain:



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Referral Contact Information		Animal Owner Information	
Name:		Name of Owner:	
Affiliated Organization:		Phone Numbers:	Home: Cell:
Phone:		Email Address:	
Email Address:		Full Address:	

Alternate Contact		Veterinarian Information	
Name:		Veterinary Clinic:	
Phone Numbers:	Home: Cell:	Veterinarian Name:	
Email Address:		Email Address: <i>(if available)</i>	
Relation:		Clinic Phone:	

Animal(s) Information <i>(one of two listings)</i>					
Name:		Species:		Sex:	
Colour:		Markings:		Breed:	
Age or Date of Birth:		Spayed/Neutered:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Medical Records Received:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Date of Last Vaccine:		Food Info:	Type: Daily Qty:	Dietary Restrictions: <i>(Allergies?)</i>	

Animal(s) History:			
Medical Conditions: <i>(if any, or write none)</i>		Medications/Supplements:	
Behaviour/Personality Traits: <i>(ie doesn't like men)</i>		Med/Supp Instructions:	
Bite History or Aggression: <i>(If yes, please explain)</i>			
Other helpful information for placement: <i>(only likes specific type of litter, etc.)</i>			



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DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ANIMALS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE?

YES

NO

Any Additional Information

A member of AARCS staff will get in touch with you as soon as possible to discuss your case further. We are not accepting any walk-ins to the shelter and the building is locked. PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP AT OUR SHELTER AS YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY.

You will be required to fill in an **Emergency Foster Care Agreement** with electronic signature. The emergency placement will be valid for 4 weeks during which time we ask owners to seek alternate placement for their pets. Visitation is not allowed, but we will endeavour to provide updates and photos as time permits.

Once completed, please submit a signed copy to deanna@aarcs.ca.

This form is also available online at bit.ly/2020aarcs_c19eir.

AARCS Procedures for assisting pets during COVID19:

- Appointments must be made with member of AARCS staff for drop off (no walk-ins)
- No one is allowed in the building, transfer of animals will take place in the parking lot
- AARCS will not feed animals in place/in homes due to level of risk/liability to our staff
- PPE must be worn when animal is admitted to AARCS shelter
- Every animal will be bathed upon intake
- Every animal will receive a veterinary exam, vaccinated and dewormed if not up-to-date.
- Placement in foster care will be attempted whenever possible
- Only under extreme special circumstance will AARCS staff pick up animals from clients/facilities



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EMERGENCY FOSTER CARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

ALBERTA ANIMAL RESCUE CREW SOCIETY, of the City of
Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, ("AARCS")
- and -

_____, of the City of _____, in the Province of Alberta, ("OWNER")

The Emergency Foster Care program assists individuals and families by providing temporary shelter for their animal(s) when they are displaced due an emergency situation. This form is specifically to assist those affected by COVID19 in Alberta.

OWNER agrees that decisions concerning the animal(s) health, safety and welfare is at the discretion of AARCS while in their care. The OWNER, agrees to give AARCS full authority to make any decisions in this regard if the owner is unable to be reached. The OWNER further understands that any damage to persons or property caused by the animal(s) will be OWNER's responsibility.

OWNER hereby agrees and holds harmless all persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies involved in the care and sheltering of my animal(s), including injury or loss to/of the animal(s). OWNER further agrees to indemnify any persons or entities which may suffer any loss or damage as a result of the care and sheltering of the animal(s).

OWNER acknowledges that if they use the AARCS Emergency Foster Care program that all animals must be vaccinated. If they are not up-to-date the organization will complete vaccinations free of charge. Any additional medical care provided will require reimbursement.

OWNER shall find suitable housing arrangement for the animal(s) within four (4) weeks. No visitation will be allowed during this time. However owners can request updates, which will be forwarded when possible.

TERM of this agreement shall be from _____ to _____. OWNER understands that if he/she or their alternate contact fails to make contact with AARCS to arrange an extension of care or return of the animals **on or before _____ the animal will be considered surrendered and custody and ownership will automatically transfer to AARCS.**

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND I AM IN FULL AGREEMENT.

OWNER Signature

Date (YYYY/MM/DD)

**Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society (AARCS)
Representative**

Date (YYYY/MM/DD)

Once this document is completed and signed, please submit it directly to deanna@aarcs.ca

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR PETS:

Create a Summary Containing Your Pet(s) Information

Consider including the following information. Have the document available in an accessible location and send it to close friends or family should they need to access it or provide it to an alternate caregiver.

- ★ Pets Name(s)
- ★ Individual Description
- ★ Age/Date of Birth
- ★ Dietary Restrictions/Allergies
- ★ Medications/Supplements
- ★ Food Type & Daily Instructions
- ★ Special Needs
- ★ **Any additional important information**

Locate a Temporary Caregiver

In case you suddenly become ill and are no longer able to provide care for your pets.

- Reach out to friends and family to ask if they can help you with your pets should you get sick. Ask if they can come and provide daily care or perhaps take the pet to their home in the event you are hospitalized if safe to do so.
- Make a list of close contacts, including their full name, phone number(s) and email address to provide to health authorities/caregivers.

Create Family/Friend Contact List

- ★ We strongly recommend at least 3 person(s)

Create Trusted Organization List

- ★ We strongly recommend at least 3 organizations(s)

Prepare Your Home for Self-Isolation and/or Create an Emergency Kit

Ensure you have the basic necessities for your pets at home. Prepare a portable emergency kit including their essential items (including medical records) in case they need to be placed elsewhere.

- Try to maintain a month's worth of food, medication & supplies (ie litter, supplements).
- Write down the brand of food, amount of food and how often your pets are fed everyday.
- Write a list of medications and instructions and include your veterinarian's contact information. Have a file readily available with medical information including vaccination history.
- If you are isolating at home due to COVID19, it is recommended that other members of the household manage the care of pets and avoid contact with your pets during this time.
- If you are isolating due to COVID19, do not go to your veterinary office. Please call them for advice if your pet is unwell and let them know immediately that you are at risk of COVID19. They will make a plan with you for your pet's care.
- Many cats do not do well in shelter and we recommend whenever possible to leave cats in their home environment. Make arrangements with friends, family or neighbours to leave food and water out and check on the cats every two days (more frequently if the cats cannot be free-fed or require medication).

If you do not have anyone to assist with your pets, reach out to a local animal shelter or rescue group to see if they can assist.



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We would ask that it only be provided to health authorities, front-line workers, police, bylaw, other non-profits working with clients, etc and in line with the categories below.

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- COVID19 positive and going into hospital and do not have friends or family to care for animals. (with written referral)
- COVID19 positive staying at home, but caregivers cannot take care of the animals (eg. allergies)
- We are currently looking at a limited one month period, but that can be adjusted on an as-needed basis
- We can only care for cats, dogs, and some small animals (ie. rabbits, hamsters)
- We do not have the ability to assist with ferrets, reptiles, birds, insects, or livestock but will do our best to refer to other organizations who may be able to assist.
- We also have low income/seniors assistance for those in need of pet supplies. Supplies are limited and we cannot guarantee brands or ongoing supply. We are happy to work with other organizations that are providing delivery to people and arrange to get them the pet supplies so they can be delivered with other essential items.
- If people need to surrender a pet due to other unforeseen circumstances related to COVID19 a separate request can be made through our website. Again, we have limited our intake to emergencies cases or cases that can be easily fostered out.

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- Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier
- only under special circumstance will AARCS staff pick up animals from clients/facilities
- AARCS will not feed animals in homes due to level of risk/liability to our staff
- PPE must be worn when animal is admitted to AARCS shelter
- every animal will be bathed upon intake
- placement in volunteer foster care will be attempted whenever possible
- owners must sign a waiver and agreement, including surrender clause if they do not make arrangements within the time period to retrieve their animal

We are currently working on an online request form, which we can send to you later today or tomorrow.