

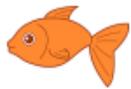


Pets during COVID-19 Crisis

There may be a lot of worried pet owners in the community at the moment who fear for their pet's wellbeing if the owner were to be taken to hospital. Here is some advice you may find helpful:



If you have nobody that can look after your pet(s) in an emergency situation, it is a good idea to keep a note with you to state that you have pet(s) which will need looking after, along with any special requirements such as dietary needs. Therefore if you were to be taken to hospital, this note would be found along with any other documentation.



Under the 'Care Act 2014', it is stated that the local authorities have a duty to take into their care any pets that cannot be cared for by family or relatives. They have a duty of care under the 'Animal Welfare Act 2006' to ensure the welfare needs of those animals are met.



A charity called The Cinnamon Trust can help advise elderly and terminally ill people with issues surrounding looking after their pets. The charity has a nationwide network of volunteers who offer a fostering service. Contact details are: 01736 757 900 or cinnamon.org.uk



If someone is homeless and has a pet that can't go with them to accommodation in Stockport, contact Street Support for advice: streetsupport.net/stockport or email: greatermanchester@streetsupport.net



Other organisations which can help with rehoming pets:

The National Animal Welfare Trust: www.nawt.org.uk - they operate rescue centres for animals and birds, specialising in caring for elderly and 'retired' pets.

Animal Samaritans: animalsamaritans.co.uk or 0208 303 1859

Cats Protection: www.cats.org.uk/stockport or 03000 12 12 12

PDSA: www.pdsa.org.uk or 0800 917 2509

Until Every Dog Has a Home: they are working on looking for foster carers for dogs whose owners have been taken into hospital. www.untileverydoghasahome.com or email: enquiries.UEDHAH@hotmail.com