

Hospitalization Readiness Checklist

An educational preparedness tool to help Family Animal Parents organize care plans before a hospitalization, medical emergency, surgery, rehabilitation period, or unexpected absence.

Section 1: Emergency Caregiver Preparation

- ☐ Primary emergency caregiver selected
- ☐ Backup caregiver selected
- ☐ Caregivers notified and have agreed to help
- ☐ Caregivers have current contact information
- ☐ Caregivers know where important documents are located

Section 2: Family Animal Information

Family Animal Name

Species

Breed or Mix

Age

Microchip Information

- ☐ Recent photo on file
- ☐ Special identifying features documented

Section 3: Veterinary and Medical Information

Primary Veterinarian (Name and Phone)

Emergency Veterinary Hospital (Name and Phone)

Current Medications

Medication Schedule

Allergies

Chronic Medical Conditions

Vaccination Summary

Insurance Information (if applicable)

Section 4: Daily Care Instructions

Feeding Instructions

Food Location

Water Requirements

Exercise Routine

Sleep Routine

Comfort Preferences

Behavioral Notes

Triggers and Fears

People, foods, animals, or situations to avoid

Section 5: Home Access and Supplies

Key Location

Access Instructions

Alarm or Entry Information

Location of Food and Supplies

Location of Medications

Location of Carrier or Crate

Location of Emergency Go Bag

Section 6: Emergency Planning Documents

Confirm each document is prepared, current, and accessible to caregivers:

- ☐ Family Animal Emergency ID Card
- ☐ Emergency Family Animal Care Planning Authorization
- ☐ Comprehensive Family Animal Care Plan
- ☐ Backup Caregiver Instructions
- ☐ Veterinary Information & Medical Record Summary
- ☐ Successor Family Animal Guardian Designation
- ☐ PawsinTrust™ Durable Family Animal Power of Attorney (if applicable)

Section 7: Hospitalization Readiness Review

- ☐ Caregiver information verified
- ☐ Veterinary information updated
- ☐ Medication information updated
- ☐ Emergency contacts updated
- ☐ Documents reviewed
- ☐ Family Animal Emergency ID Card carried and current

Review Date**Next Review Date (recommended every 6 to 12 months)****Notes**

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