



Financial assistance for pet care

Finances don't have to stand in the way of getting proper care for your pet while you're hospitalized.

At PeaceHealth, financial assistance may be available to help you with pet care expenses.

To find out if you qualify, or for more information, please contact Hotline to the Heart at **1-844-749-8817**.

For more information and resources, please visit www.peacehealth.org/st-joseph/petcare.

Emergency pet care

If you have a medical emergency and require immediate hospitalization, the Whatcom Humane Society (WHS) can provide the following assistance:

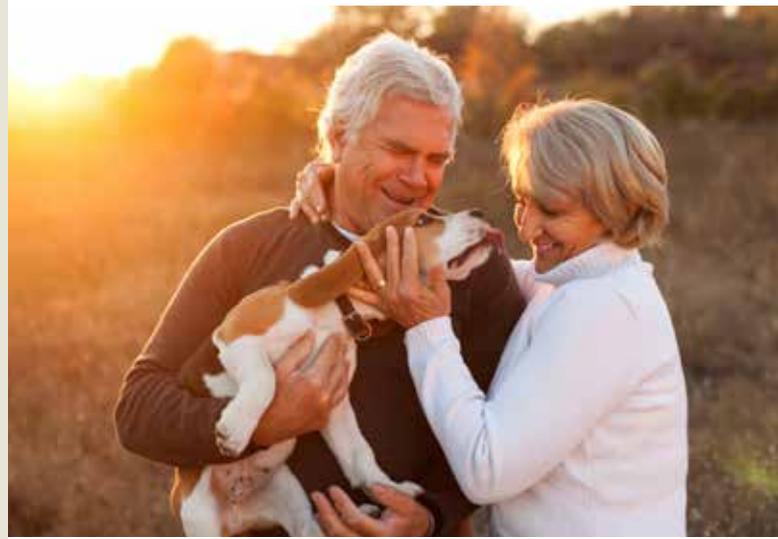
- Emergency pick-up and transport of your pet to the WHS shelter facility
- Emergency care for your pet up to 14 days

This service allows you time to make arrangements for a friend, relative, veterinarian, pet-sitter or kennel to pick-up and care for your pet while you recover.

For more information, please contact the Whatcom Humane Society at **360-733-2080 x3017**, or visit www.whatcomhumane.org.

Note: WHS cannot provide long-term care for your pet. Pets left at the shelter for over 14 days will be considered abandoned.

Pet Care Resources



Care for your pet
while you are hospitalized



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Pets can be an essential part of a person's life, bringing joy, companionship and comfort. Pets also require consistent care and attention. Planning for your pet's care prior to a hospitalization will ensure that your pet is well cared for in your absence.

Make a written plan for the care of your pet should you need care in the hospital.

Sooner or later almost all of us will need care in the hospital. It may be a planned, elective procedure or it may be an emergency. Either way, it is important to have a plan to care for your pet.

- 1) First, identify a person who is willing to take responsibility for the care of your pet. This may be a family member or a close friend. If you do not have someone to take care of your pet, contact a kennel or in-home pet sitter to make advance arrangements.
- 2) Second, prepare an "emergency pet care plan" for the caregiver to follow in your absence. A sample plan is available online at www.peacehealth.org/st-joseph/petcare.
- 3) Maintain a current record of your pet's medical history including medications and provide a copy to your pet's caregiver. Copies of your pet's medical record may be obtained through your veterinarian.

Other options for pet care

Kennels

Kennels provide a place to board your dog or cat. Services, facility settings and vaccination requirements vary. Arrangements to board your pet must be made in advance.

In-home pet care

The "stay-at-home" option for your pet may be best. Arrangements with a provider must be made in advance.

For a list of businesses providing pet care lodging and services, please visit the Whatcom Humane society at www.whatcomhumane.org and search "community resources." You may also call **360-733-2080 x3017**.

