



COVID-19 RESPONSE INFORMATION

11/19/2020 Statement

In light of the growing number of COVID-19 cases in Rhode Island and across the nation, Providence Animal Rescue League (PARL) is once again adjusting services and protocols in a proactive approach to slow and diminish the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

We will be doing our part to encourage social distancing while still working to assist pets in our community and finding loving homes for dogs, cats, and small animals in our care. Animals remain in need of our help and we are making every effort to ensure our most essential programs can continue. We appreciate your continued support and patience as we navigate this time. Please note:

ADOPTIONS

- Adoptable pets will be listed on our website and featured in social media posts. If you're interested in adopting an animal, please call us at (401) 421-1399 or email us at reception@parl.org for more information about the animal(s) and/or to make an appointment.
- We are currently practicing limited/no contact process for adoptions. Guidance will be provided by PARL staff members in advance of your appointment. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ANIMAL SURRENDERS

- We will continue to intake animal surrenders from our community on an emergency and case by case basis. Because our surrender appointments are now fully booked through the end of the year, we will add new surrender inquiries to a Surrender Wait List and will provide resources and guidance to all who need assistance.

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

- We continue to lean on members of our community to serve as temporary, emergency, and/or long-term foster homes for animals throughout the adoption preparation stage. If you are willing to be an emergency foster home for a dog, cat, or small animal in the coming weeks, please email us at foster@parl.org to learn more.

PUBLIC SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES

- Our wait list for public spay/neuter surgeries is currently full. Please check our website regularly as it may be reopened again at any time. If you have already provided your information for the wait list, you will be contacted as appointments are available.

PET FOOD PANTRY

- Our Pet Food Pantry program is operating by appointment only. If you or someone you know is facing financial hardship during this time, please call us at (401) 421-1399 to schedule a supply pick up. We

are currently scheduled to provide Pet Food Pantry services at various community locations in the coming weeks. Please check our website for news and updates.

VACCINE AND MICROCHIPPING CLINICS

- At this time, we do not have any more vaccine/microchipping clinics scheduled. This may change based on funding available and ability to safely hold these events outside for proper social distancing through the colder months. Please check our website regularly for more information as it becomes available.

OWNER REQUESTED EUTHANASIA APPOINTMENTS

- Because we need to limit the number of non-staff members in the building, we will not be providing owner requested euthanasia appointments through at least the end of the year. Please contact your veterinarian for this service or for referrals to other clinics.

FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH PETS

- Important reminder: Please have an emergency plan in place for your pets. Make sure pets are wearing proper identification; have crates and extra food or supplies on hand; and identify a trusted family member, friend or pet sitter who can care for your pet if you or a family member become ill or are hospitalized. This is a very helpful resource: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/emergencies/pet-disaster-prep-kit.html>

DONATIONS

- The spread of the COVID-19 virus is alarming for all of us. Schools and business are closing, and large community gatherings have been cancelled. In the animal welfare world, we are struggling to find a balance, especially since financial strain and job insecurity has left many pet owners needing to make difficult decisions. We want to help, and we must help.

If you have the means and desire to help with our animal rescue, community support, and pet adoption efforts, please donate today at www.parl.org/donate. Donations of unopened pet food and new/gently used pet supplies are also appreciated.

Since the start of this pandemic, the PARL community has assisted thousands of animals in the state. We are preparing for whatever the future may hold and thank you for your continued kindness, understanding, and generosity along the way.

Sincerely,

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Providence Animal Rescue League