Where can I access low cost pet care resources?

Food & Supplies:

Animal Care Centers of NYC

Pet Food Pantry, Bronx Admission Center

464 East Fordham Rd., Bronx, NY communitydogs@nyacc.org

Vet / Vaccine / Spay Neuter:

ASPA has vet and spay/neuter clinics in Manhattan, Brooklyn, & the Bronx.

Call (212) 876-7700 for more info.

NYC 311-Spay/Neuter Services

NYC Pet License:

Apply on-line: https://a816healthpsi.nyc.gov/DogLicense/

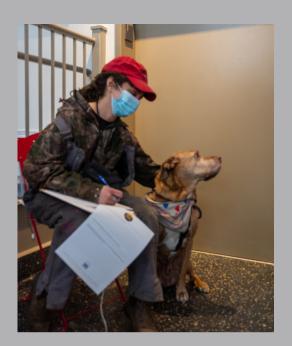












By law, all NYC housing providers must permit residents to keep emotional support animals (ESA) as a reasonable accommodation (RA) for a disability.

NYC Public Housing Authority's Pet Policies:











Do You Know a **Pet Owner Seeking Shelter** in NYC?

The Basics

- No pets are allowed in NYC homeless shelters without emotional support or service animal designations.
- People should not have to choose between safe shelter for the night and the welfare of their pet.



Pets in NYC Public Housing

NYC public housing allows spayed/neutered pets with a pet license and proof of vaccination (but not all breeds).

NYCHA Pet Registration:



For Domestic Violence Survivors

Urban Resources Institute's PALS – People and Animals Living Safely – is a safe, secure place for domestic violence victims and their pets to heal together.

General questions? info@urinyc.org PALS PALSinfo@urinyc.org

NYC's 24-hour Domestic Violence

Hotline: 800-621-4673

NYC Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence

Project: 212-714-1141

Pets in NYC Homeless Shelters

- NYC Department of Homeless Service (DHS) Shelters will provide reasonable accommodation for Emotional Support Animals (ESA) that provide emotional support to those struggling with a disability, such as anxiety or posttraumatic stress disorder.
- To gain admittance to a shelter, you need to submit a reasonable accommodation (RA) form along with a letter from a licensed health professional testifying to ESA need.
- Average wait times for approval? At least 2 weeks, typically months.
- DHS may also require proof of vaccination, spay/neuter and a NYC Pet License.

Sample RA form & ESA Request Letters:



Still haven't heard back from DHS after 30 days? Call 311, Office of the Ombudsman.



The Healing Power of Pets

- Relationship: For many experiencing homelessness, their pet may be their only source of unconditional love.
- Responsibility: Pets offer a sense of responsibility and purpose, and can positively influence decisions.
- Social Interaction: Those experiencing homelessness are ignored by the general public, and their pet companions provide critical companionship.
- Protection: Pets act as an alarm and deterrent to theft, alerting their owners of danger when sleeping in the street.



Keeping Families Together

Check out My Dog Is My Home to learn more about increasing access to shelter and housing for people experiencing homelessness with companion animals.

https://www.mydogismyhome.org