

## 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://a816-healthpsi.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:**



#### **NYC Department of Social Services Shelter Policy:**



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# 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](mailto:info@urinyc.org)  
[PALSinfo@urinyc.org](mailto: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 post-traumatic 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](https://www.mydogismyhome.org) to learn more about increasing access to shelter and housing for people experiencing homelessness with companion animals.

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