





Assemblyman Michael Montesano knows pets are important members of the family, which is why he has supported bills to:

-  Improve service at animal shelters and provide for coverage of costs of caring for an animal who has suffered from cruelty during a criminal investigation. (A.62A)
-  Expand aggravated cruelty to animals to cover harm done to a companion animal during the course of a felony act. (A.3038B)

Want to learn more about how to keep your pets safe, happy and healthy? Take a look at these important phone numbers and tips about how to keep your animal friends safe from harm.



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# Pets are important members of many Long Island families.



## In Case of an Emergency

- Put a pet alert sticker on doors or windows to let people know how many and what kind of pets you have if you aren't home when disaster strikes. Stickers are available online or at most pet stores.

### Emergency Packing List for Pets

- Food
- Medication
- Vaccination/medical records
- Pet insurance policy
- Crate/carrier

### In case you and your pets get separated:

- Picture of your pets and favorite toys
- Treats or article of clothing with your scent.

## Important Phone Numbers

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center:  
1-888-426-4435

Pet Poison Helpline:  
1-800-213-6680

Spay/USA Helpline:  
1-800-248-7729

The Animal Legal Defense Fund:  
707-795-2533

Call for questions regarding animal neglect, abuse, custody, landlord-tenant pet-related issues, including animals in your will and more.

Animal Behavior Hotline:  
312-644-8338 (ext. 343)

Behavior specialist available to assist with questions on pet behavior issues.



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## SUMMER SAFETY TIPS:

- If you cannot hold your own hand on the pavement for at least five seconds, it is too hot for your pet to walk on.
- Don't leave your pet locked in the car, even a few minutes with the windows cracked can be dangerous.
- Pets can get sunburn too, apply sunscreen to the most exposed areas such as stomachs, ears and noses. Don't shave your pet to help with the heat, their fur is meant to protect and keep them cool.
- Keep them hydrated. Heavy panting, dry or bright red gums, vomiting, thick drool, wobbly legs and diarrhea are all signs of overheating in animals.



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