



## Winter 2016/17 WisCARES Emergency Boarding

### What is Emergency Boarding?

Emergency boarding provides an immediate place for pets to stay when there is cold and inclement weather (ie. under 20 degrees, blizzards...), as determined by shelters in Madison. Pets are transported to a safe place to stay while their owners' seek emergency shelter for the night. Emergency boarding lasts only 24-48 hours per night of cold weather.

### Who is Eligible?

Owners of pets (usually cats and dogs) who are experiencing homelessness and wanting to stay in emergency shelters in Madison during cold and inclement weather.

### How to Get Started?

If you are a social service provider and working with an individual who needs emergency boarding for their pet on a cold weather night so they can access shelter for the night, please call the WisCARES emergency boarding line at 608-561-7372 as soon as possible. This emergency boarding number will be monitored on cold weather nights until 7:15pm.

**For any other WisCARES inquiries, including boarding inquiries on non-cold weather nights, please continue to call 608-561-7387 or email [wiscares@gmail.com](mailto:wiscares@gmail.com). Referrals for emergency boarding are only made when there is cold or inclement weather ahead. Please make contact as soon as possible.** After a referral is made, WisCARES will schedule a time to meet the owner for intake as soon as possible.

### Other Important Information:

Upon request, WisCARES can provide animal crates/carriers to allow the animal to stay inside until a WisCARES representative can transport the animal to boarding. If possible in your location, WisCARES can provide supplies (crate, food, bowls, etc) to allow the animal(s) to stay with their human family overnight as well.

Pets with significant health risks may not be eligible for boarding (determined at intake).

All pet owners who use this program must become a client of WisCARES and fill out intake paperwork prior to boarding. Owners must sign the boarding agreement and comply with conditions of boarding (to be discussed at intake).

For more information on WisCARES, feel free to visit [wiscares.wisc.edu](http://wiscares.wisc.edu) or check us out on facebook.