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### **Tuscarawas County Health Department to Host Pet Preparedness Kit Drive-Thru Event**

DOVER—June is National Pet Preparedness Month, and the Tuscarawas County Health Department (TCHD) is launching a month-long awareness campaign urging pet owners to consider their pets when creating emergency plans. Throughout the whole month, pet owners can stop at the TCHD office at 897 East Iron Avenue during business hours to pick up a free pet preparedness checklist and enter to win a pet first aid kit donated by Valley View Animal Hospital. On Wednesday, June 14, from 4 pm to 6 pm, TCHD will host a free Pet Emergency Preparedness Drive-Thru Event where pet owners can pick up a goody bag that will include an LED clip-on pet safety light, pet waste bag dispenser, hand sanitizer, pet/human cooling towel, and emergency preparedness information while supplies last. Drive-thru participants may also enter to win gift certificates donated by We Luv Pets.


“Each pet preparedness goody bag will have important tips for items to include in your pet disaster kit such as veterinary records, owner contact information, water, food, medications, and pet first aid supplies,” explained Katie Seward, Tuscarawas County Health Commissioner. “I am a huge pet lover and animal advocate, and I am excited about this campaign to help my fellow pet owners protect their beloved animals during an emergency.”



Valley View Animal Hospital also donated tick removal kits and other helpful educational information for the goody bags.


During the drive-thru event and throughout June, TCHD will also be collecting donations for the Tuscarawas County Humane Society and the Tuscarawas County Dog Pound. Items that are most needed include dog and cat food, litter, and cleaning supplies. Donations may be dropped off at the health department lobby Monday through Wednesday from 8 am to 4 pm; Thursday from 8 am to 6 pm; and Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Donations are not required to participate in the drive-thru or to enter to win a prize. Drawings for prize winners will take place in early July.

For more information, visit [www.tchdnow.org](http://www.tchdnow.org) or call 330-343-5555, ext. 1000.

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