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## Tuscarawas County Health Department to Host Pet Preparedness Bag Drive-Thru Event on June 25th

DOVER—June is National Pet Preparedness Month, and the Tuscarawas County Health Department (TCHD) is sharing a month-long social media awareness campaign urging pet owners to consider their pets when creating emergency plans. Throughout the whole month, pet owners can find pet preparedness safety tips on TCHD's Facebook, X, and Instagram pages. Additionally, all pet owners are invited to a free Drive-Thru Pet Emergency Preparedness Bag event from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the TCHD office, 897 East Iron Avenue. Each goody bag will include an LED clip-on pet safety collar light, pet waste bag dispenser, pet care coloring book, tick remover, hand sanitizer, pet clean-up supplies, pet rescue decal, ball, and emergency preparedness information while supplies last. Random bags will also include prizes donated by local organizations.

"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 Jennifer Demuth, TCHD Director of Health Promotion & Community Relations. "Those who come to the drive-thru will also have a chance to meet our volunteer facility dog in training, Cody, during part of the event. We look forward to helping our fellow county pet owners take care of their pet family members."

Many of the prizes and goody bags include donated items from B&D Paw Spa, Hidden Hollow Kennels, Petz Place, Valley View Animal Hospital, We Lov Pets, and/or Whine & Licker Pet Salon.

During the drive-thru event and until the end of 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 Purina dog and cat food, scoopable cat 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 drivethru.

For more information, visit www.tchdnow.org or call 330-343-5555, ext. 1720.

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