Pet birds:  
Bird Flu is a disease that mainly affects birds, not humans.

By following these simple steps in the event of a bird flu outbreak there is no reason to stop keeping pet birds:

• Avoid contact between your pet birds and wild birds
• Always clean up after dealing with your birds, especially wash your hands
• Do not bring wild bird droppings into your home through dirty clothes and shoes
• Ensure that any new bird comes from a reputable source

Cats and other animals:

• It is rare for cats to be infected with the bird flu virus.

• In the event of an outbreak of bird flu, pet owners in the immediate area might be asked to walk their dogs on a lead and keep their cats indoors. This would be in the interests of your pet’s health and is a precautionary measure only.

If you are concerned about the health of your pet please seek advice from your vet.

For more information about bird flu and biosecurity, visit the Defra website at www.defra.gov.uk or phone 08459 33 55 77 for the Defra Helpline.