

COVID-19:

What pet owners need to know



Pets and COVID-19:

A very small number of pets have tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19. It appears that in some rare situations, human to animal transmission can occur. At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the disease. We need to learn more about how this virus affects animals. Until then, treat pets as you would other human family members to protect them from getting sick.



Keep pets safe!

- **Keep cats indoors.** Prevent them from interacting with other animals or people.
- **Walk dogs on a leash.** Make sure they are at least 6 feet from other people and animals.
- **Avoid places where there are large numbers of people and dogs.** This includes dog parks and other public places.
- **Talk to your veterinarian.** Reach out if your pet gets sick or if you have any questions about your pet's health.
- **Do not use chemicals or disinfectants to clean your pet.** Ask your vet about products for bathing or cleaning your pet.
- **Do not put a mask on pets.**

If you become sick with COVID-19:

- Have another household member care for your pet.
- Do not pet, snuggle, kiss, or share food or bedding with your pet.
- Wear a cloth face covering and wash your hands before and after you interact with your pet (if you must be around them).

