



## How to keep you & your dog safe from Coronavirus

### **Is my dog at risk for catching Coronavirus?**

The World Health Organization reports that as of now, “there is no evidence that a dog, cat or any pet can transmit COVID-19.”

### **Can my dog spread Coronavirus to humans?**

If you're infected, you can transfer the virus to your dog's fur if you are near them. Other people may be exposed to the virus if they pet a dog that's been touched by someone affected by the virus. However, this is not a common way for the virus to spread. You should wash your hands thoroughly before and after petting any dogs. Do not pet dogs you do not know! Do not let your dog jump up, on or lick anyone. Use social distancing with your dog too!

### **Should I stock up on dog food and medicine for my dog?**

You should already be doing this for regular emergency management planning. However, in case you have to quarantine yourself, you should prepare by buying two weeks to a month's supply of extra dog food and stocking up on any medicine your dog needs for the same amount of time. Call your veterinarian to discuss if a physical exam or blood work is required before a medication can be refilled. Even if you don't have to go into quarantine, supply may be limited due to other pet owners preparing. Be prepared.

### **What other precautions should I take against Coronavirus with my dog?**

- If you or your dog are sick – stay home! Sharing is NOT caring at this time!
- Wash your hands! Bring your own sanitizer and dog poop bags.
- You may want to wear gloves for personal protection
- Pick up your pet's waste – that's not being nice, it's a requirement!
- Start making a care plan for your pet with friends and family in case you become infected.
- Do not abandon your dog because of COVID-19 concerns.
- Avoid high-traffic areas **like dog parks** where social distancing is not possible.
- Using paw wipes after they come in from outside is a good idea to halt the spread of germs. Be sure to check to see that the products you are using are pet safe/friendly.
- Follow all the CDC guidelines for yourself, because you are much more likely to bring COVID 19 into your home than your pet is.
- Be safe, stay healthy, and be aware and kind to others.