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# COVID-19 and PETS

(CORONAVIRUS)

# FAQ



## CAN PETS GET SICK FROM COVID-19?

As of March 2020, there is no evidence that pets or other animals can become sick with, or spread, COVID-19. However, it is still recommended that people sick with COVID-19 limit contact with their companion animals.

## HOW IS THE ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION PREPARING?

Our Animal Services Division is preparing for COVID-19 like any other natural disaster during which intake is expected to increase. We will:

- Have long-term foster contracts on hand.
- Maintain an updated list of foster networks.
- Have extra crates, food and other pet supplies on hand in case of above-normal intake.
- Connect with local boarding and shelter facilities to have contingency plans in place.

## PET PREPAREDNESS PLAN

- Keep a two-week supply on hand of any food, medicine, or supplies your pet needs.
- Make sure your pets vaccinations are up-to-date.
- Keep a list of any medications, including dosages, that your pet is on.
- Get your pet microchipped, if not already, in addition to its wearing a collar with ID tag.



## IF YOU ARE SICK WITH COVID-19 HOW SHOULD YOU CARE FOR YOUR PET?

You should restrict contact with pets and other animals while you are sick with COVID-19, just like you would with people. When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals and try to avoid contact with your pet, including petting, snuggling, kissing (or being kissed by) your pet, and sharing food. If you must be around your pet or other animals while sick, wash your hands before and after interacting with your pet and wear a facemask, if possible.

Check out this video about COVID-19 and Pets  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=8N2byr97MfI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8N2byr97MfI)

For more information about pets and COVID-19 contact  
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html) and/or  
[www.animalsheltering.org/COVID19](https://www.animalsheltering.org/COVID19)

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and Animal Sheltering

