Who Will Care for Your Pet?

Make a Plan Today

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How is COVID-19 transmitted?

Transmission of COVID-19

Person to person

No current evidence of animal to person

Potential spread of person to animal

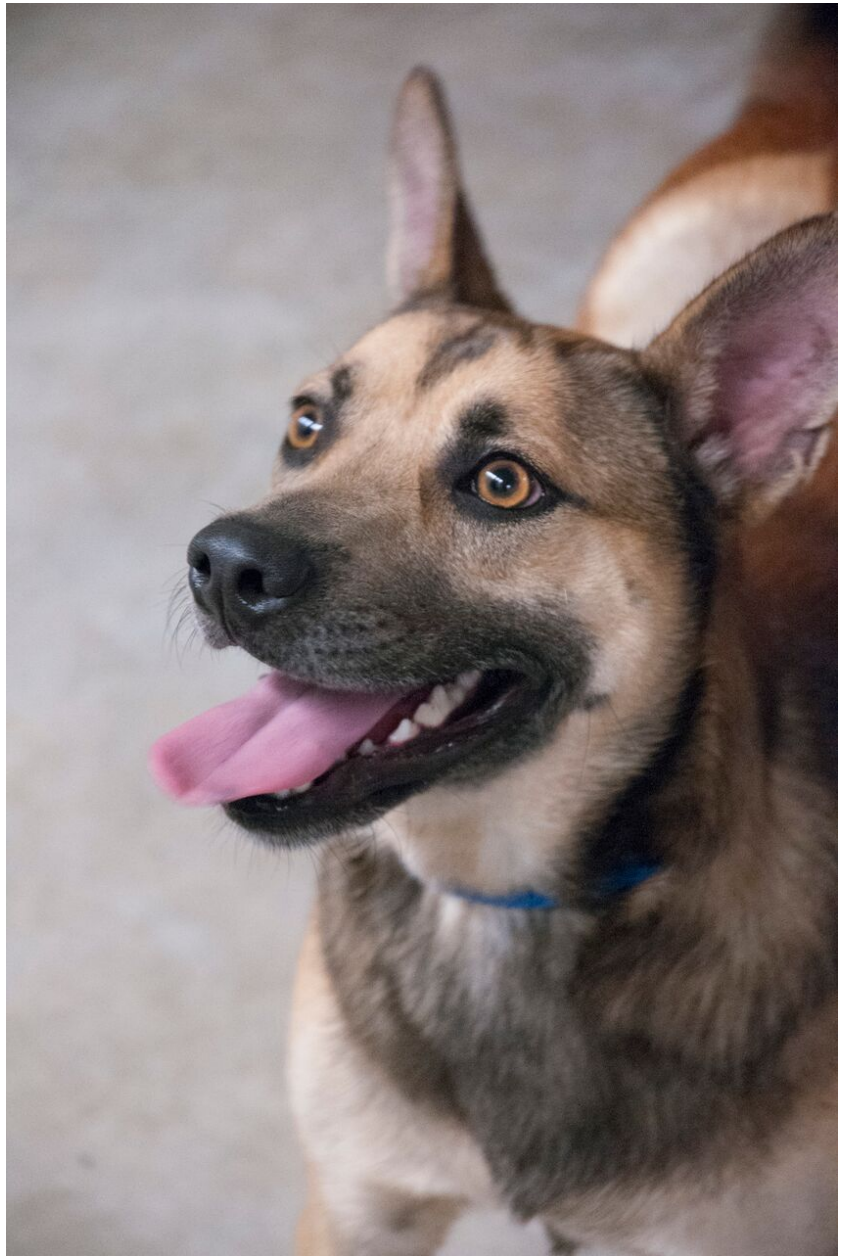
If I test positive for COVID-19, who should care for my pet?

Who should care for my pet?

Family or friend in *your home*

Family or friend in t*heir home*

Boarding facility



How can someone provide care for a pet in the home of a COVID-positive individual?

Providing Care in the Owner's Home

Avoid entering the home

Cats: Provide food, water and litter

Dogs: Provide food and water, and leash at the door

What measures can someone take to prevent exposure if they are caring for an animal in a home with a COVID-positive individual?

How can you prevent exposure?

- Wear personal protective equipment
- Sanitize all surfaces touched
- Wash your hands!

How can someone remove a pet from an owner's home who is COVID-positive?

Removing an Animal from the Home

Contact your local animal control

Minimize time in the home

Wear personal protective equipment

How can I care for a COVID-19 exposed pet in my home?

Caring for an Exposed Pet in Your Home

- Minimize interaction
- House in a separate space
- Wash your hands!

What should I do regarding medical care for my pet?

Should my pet go to the vet?

Contact your vet first

Postpone elective visits and procedures

Telemedicine is an option

Should people have a plan for their pet, like they do for their children?

Of Course!

- Identify a family member or friend
- Prepare a "go-bag" for your pet
- Put your pet in your estate

What essential items should be included in my “go-bag”?

"Go-bag" Essentials

- Food and medications
- Crate or carrier
- Your pet's medical record
- Litter, favorite treats, toys, harness, etc.

I want to help! How can I support my community, friends and family during this time?

I Want to Help!

Stay home and foster or adopt

Encourage others to make plans

Donate to your local shelter

Helpful Resources

Pet Preparedness Resources

- *Best Friends Pet Preparedness Plan:*
  https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/your-covid-19-pet-preparedness-plan?_ga=2.39715562.814671591.1586183187-1551113423.1383161582
- *CDC Disaster Preparedness:*
  https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/emergencies/pet-disaster-prep-kit.html
- *PIMA Plan for Pet:*
  https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=541350

COVID-19 Resources

- *Cornell, Guidance for Caretakers for Pets of COVID Positive Patients:*
  http://blogs.cornell.edu/cornellsheltermedicine/2020/04/05/guidance-for-caretakers-for-pets-of-covid-19-positive-patients/
- *AVMA Pet Owner FAQ's:*
  https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/covid-19-faq-pet-owners_031620.pdf
- *Best Friends I Need Help - COVID:*
  https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/covid-19-faqs-i-need-help?_ga=2.217334288.728539235.1586101827-1267463585.1585587830#prepare
- *CDC If You Have Animals:*
  https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life coping/animals.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fanimals.html

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