



COMFORT IN CRISIS

Pets and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Here are some top tips from the UK's best loved national pet charities and experts*

Pets and Coronavirus **PROTECTING EACH OTHER**

- 1 The main source of infection for COVID-19 is human-to-human transmission, and pet owners should not be concerned that their pets are a risk to their health.
- 2 Just like human hands, pet fur could carry the virus from one person to another.
- 3 Wash hands well with soap after touching any pets or their belongings and avoid pet kisses – them and you!
- 4 If your pet is sick or injured, call your vet before going to the surgery.



Pets provide invaluable companionship, let's take care of them too

Pets and Coronavirus **IF YOU ARE SOCIAL DISTANCING**

- 1 You can walk your dog but check how often you can in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- 2 Keep you and your dog **at least** two metres from others.
- 3 Avoid contact with other people's pets.
- 4 Ensure you have your pet's normal supplies available to avoid having to go to the pet shop too frequently.



Wash your hands, follow the latest Government guidance and play your part to protect others

Pets and Coronavirus **IF YOU ARE SELF ISOLATING**

- 1 Think about how you can provide for your pet's needs inside. Visit the charities' websites for more information.
- 2 Dogs can go into your garden or see if a friend can help walk them. If you must take your dog out then walk at a safe distance from others and minimise time outside.
- 3 Can anyone else care for your pet if you are sick or in hospital?
- 4 If your cat is used to staying in then keep them inside and clean their litter tray regularly. If an outdoor cat, try and minimise interactions with them*



If you are sick, restrict close contact with your pets

Pets and Coronavirus **HELPING EACH OTHER**

- 1 Can you help a vulnerable person in your community with their pet?
- 2 Can you offer help to your local animal charity?
- 3 Could you donate pet food to your local food bank?
- 4 All animal charities are being impacted by this crisis – please consider donating to support their vital work.



Pets are family – let's look out for each other

*Advice on these specific points may be subject to change so please regularly check Government guidance.

www.cfsg.org.uk/coronavirus