

Self-isolating for COVID-19? Here's some tips on managing your pets during this time



Make sure you have adequate supplies of food and medications for your animals. If you don't, call your clinic to order these. You will need to arrange for someone else to collect and deliver them (using contactless methods).



Practice sensible hygiene measures. These include:

- Not having close contact with your pets,
 e.g. hugging, or letting your pets touch/lick your face or sleep on your bed
- Thoroughly washing hands before and after interacting with pets, or handling food bowls/other equipment.



Don't remove pets from your property (e.g. send to family/friends/boarding facilities) if they have interacted with you since you started self-isolation.



There is still only very limited evidence that companion animals are affected by COVID-19, and no significant evidence that they can transmit the infection to humans, but a cautious approach is still recommended.