How can I keep my pets safe during the COVID-19 outbreak?

If you or a family member have confirmed or suspected coronavirus disease (COVID-19) here are some helpful tips to keep care of yourself and your pets:

• You should restrict contact with pets and other animals while sick.

• When possible, have another person care for your animals while you are sick.

• If you must care for your pet, wash your hands before and after you interact with pets and wear a facemask

• Have your pet sleep at least 6 feet away

Everyday healthy pet care suggestions

Feed pets on a set schedule and make sure they have access to water, shelter, and exercise

Do not feed pets human food, raw pet food, or treats that aren’t fully cooked (e.g. pig ears)

Clean pet food and water bowls daily

Store pet food in rodent-proof containers and use a scoop (not your hands) to fill bowls

Do not allow pets in food preparation or eating areas

Wash your hands with soap and warm water after petting, feeding, and cleaning up after your pet

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