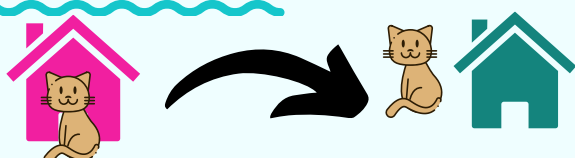


# HOW TO CARE FOR PETS

If you have COVID-19 or if your pets have been exposed to COVID-19

## Consider this if pets must be moved to another home



- Individuals at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness (people over 65 years or with underlying health conditions) should avoid being temporary caregivers to exposed animals, if possible.
- Keep the pets isolated to one area of the home in order to minimize contact with other animals or people, if possible.

## Keep pets away from people and other animals



- Keep pets indoors as much as possible.
- When dogs are outside, they should be on leash and at least two metres away from other people and animals.

## Monitor your pets for any signs of illness - if they have been exposed to COVID-19



- If your pet shows signs of illness, call your veterinarian to determine if your animal needs to be seen at a clinic or can be managed at home.

## Keep Your Pets in Your Home



- If you are sick, ask someone else in your home who is not sick to care for your pets.
- If everyone in the home is sick or you live alone, it is still best to keep your pets in the home if it is possible to care for them.

## Avoid close or prolonged contact with pets



- Try to avoid the following as much as possible: snuggling them, kissing them, letting them lick you, sharing food with them, or letting them sleep in your bed or sit on your lap.

## Take precautions when providing care for pets



- Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub immediately before and after touching the pets, their food or supplies.
- Try not to cough or sneeze near the pets. Always cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue and clean your hands afterwards.
- Always avoid touching your face..

