



Dear Family and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your trust in us here at the Animal Wellness Center of Buffalo Valley in helping ensure the health of your pets. We are working diligently to do our part to help protect you and our staff against the spread of COVID-19. We have always worked to minimize the transmission of animal disease. While we continue these efforts to ensure the health and safety of your pets, we are increasing our cleaning in all areas of the Wellness Center where people frequent.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are working diligently to learn as much as possible about this novel virus. We are checking their websites frequently to stay abreast of any new information and will share any new information with you as it becomes available. The good news we have learned is that currently there is no indication that COVID-19 can infect cats or dogs, and there is also no evidence that they can act as a source of infection.

With this knowledge, now is a good time to talk with your friends and family to establish contingency plans for your pets in the event of a personal quarantine situation. Make sure to have enough pet food for the duration of the quarantine period. If your pet requires daily medication, make certain to have those prescriptions filled and on-hand. And, if your pet requires daily walks outside your home, consider designating a specific family member or friend to help you with those daily exercise and play routines. Should you become ill, discuss with your doctor the steps you need to take when you interact with the people assisting you with your pet's needs to ensure their risk of infection is minimized.

If you are feeling sick please stay home and take care of yourself. If you are sick and need to see your doctor, please share with them that you have pet(s) in your home that need care. If you have been placed in quarantine for COVID-19 and your pet needs veterinary attention, it is imperative that you call us at 715-926-3836 BEFORE coming in with your pet or sending them with a friend or family member. We will work closely with the local and state health officials to help you get your pet the medical attention it requires.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Sincerely,

Dr. Margaret Jones and Staff

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