



Good afternoon Fellow Pet Lover,

A tiger at a New York Zoo tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend and captured headlines across the globe. But what does that mean for us? The knowledge of the virus continues to evolve and may be difficult to sort fact from fiction. We are here to help. **Here's what we know about the communicability of the virus by or from our pets:**


- While both cats and dogs can test positive for COVID-19, **there is no evidence** that supports that they can transmit it to humans
- Humans, on the other hand, may be able to give it to animals. **If you are or think you are infected with COVID-19 do not cuddle with your pets.**
- Just like humans, **make sure your pets are also practicing social distancing from other people and pets.** As hard as it may be, do not let anyone outside of your home pet your cat or dog at this time.

[The USDA has additional information regarding COVID-19 and pets.](#)

**Home is where the heart is and the same goes for your pets, Fellow Pet Lover. Please keep them home with you – even if you are self-quarantined. It is truly the safest and most comfortable place for them.**

Our team will continue to monitor the news and share updates as we learn more. As always, our number one priority is the health and well-being of the animals in our community and [we appreciate your support.](#)

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## COVID-19 & Pets

### Humans Can Transmit to Animals

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### Animals Can NOT Transmit to Humans


During this time of uncertainty, do not let people outside of your home touch your pets. Adhere to all social distancing guidelines.

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### Pets Need Social Distancing

During this time of uncertainty, do not let people outside of your home touch your pets. Adhere to all social distancing guidelines.

\*According to "USDA Statement on the Confirmation of COVID-19 in a Tiger in New York" published on 4/5/20



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