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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**WHO: Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/Fresno County Humane Society (CCSPCA)**

**WHAT: Message Regarding Pets and COVID-19**

**WHEN: Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**WHERE: CCSPCA, 103 S. Hughes Ave., Fresno, CA 93706**

**WHY:** As communities around the world respond the outbreak of COVID-19, CCSPCA would like to share its impact on animals and encourages pet owners to take precautionary steps in case emergency strikes. While Fresno County does not have a significant outbreak of COVID-19 at this time, it has now been identified in our community.

According to U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there no known reason to believe pets and animals can spread COVID-19, nor have there been any reports of animals becoming infected with COVID-19.

Though animals are not at risk for this disease, CCSPCA urges pet owners to have plans in place for how to care for their animals in case emergency strikes. Please consider what supplies will be needed if you/your pet are quarantined for an extended period of time. Some examples include:

- 3+ days' supply food & water
- Pet food dishes
- Litter box with litter (if you have cats)
- Extra leashes & collars
- Vaccination & medical records
- 2 weeks medication (if applicable)
- Photos and descriptions of each pet
- Pet first aid kit and pet first aid book

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Additionally, it is of utmost importance to maintain proper hygiene habits when caring for pets – wash hands before/after handling, clean their food/water dishes frequently, and keep their surroundings clean.

CCSPCA's regular operations will continue to operate as usual. However, the organization is taking necessary steps to protect the health & well-being of the animals in our care, staff, & Fresno community at-large. The CDC and World Health Organization's guidance and resources will closely be followed amidst this global pandemic.

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