

# COVID-19 and Your Dog

Here are seven questions with answers your dogs wish you knew about the COVID-19 disease.

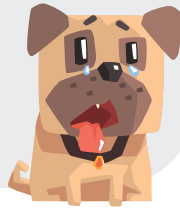


## I heard that I can carry COVID-19. Is this true?

No! The World Health Organisation has stated that there is currently no evidence that dogs (or cats) can carry and/or transmit COVID-19 to humans or other animals. There are however different types of Coronavirus which dogs and cats can carry respectively, BUT these have been around for a while already and CANNOT be transmitted to humans.

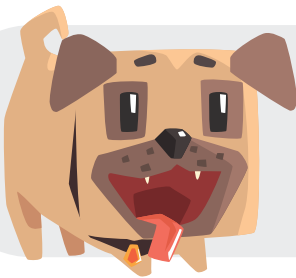
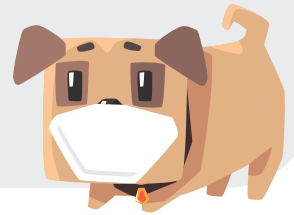
## But a dog died in Hong Kong?

We understand that the dog in Hong Kong tested Negative for COVID-19, was returned home from quarantine and has since passed away, BUT most likely from natural causes as the pooch was already 17 years old. Our sympathies go out to the owner(s).



## So I don't have to wear a mask?

There is currently no evidence that masks can prevent dogs from contracting infectious diseases – especially due to the variations in muzzle shapes. If anything, wearing a mask may just scare and confuse you.



## Can my pet food carry the Coronavirus?

This is VERY unlikely. The hygienic handling of raw materials and thorough cooking of foods is already a top-priority for us, as we have to comply with many laws – Coronavirus or not! What's more, our food is nutritionally complete which will also help you fight infections. For added peace of mind your owners can give you a good multivitamin.

## One of my humans has contracted COVID-19. What now?

Simply as a measure of precaution, it is recommended that you are kept away from the infected member of your family and that your healthy owners follow normal hygiene practices, such as washing their hands before and after handling you.



## What if I show flu-like symptoms?

There are several other viral and bacterial infections that you can contract, that aren't COVID-19 and aren't infectious to your owners. If you show any signs of sneezing, coughing or fatigue, your owners should schedule an appointment with your veterinarian who will diagnose and help you get better!



## So there is really no reason for my owners to drop me off at a shelter?

No! The shelters are already battling with day-to-day operations outside of COVID-19 and your owners should not be adding to this problem due to fear. In fact, there has never been a better time for them to bond with you through grooming, play and teaching you new tricks! This will help you expel some energy and relax now that you aren't allowed to go for a walk.

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