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GUIDANCE FOR HOMES WITH HOUSEHOLD ANIMALS AND PERSONS INFECTED WITH COVID-19

People with COVID-19 are being advised to limit interaction with household pets. Specifically, while a person infected with COVID-19 is symptomatic, they should maintain separation from household animals as they would with other household members and avoid direct contact with pets, including petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, sleeping in the same location and sharing food. Although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people sick with COVID-19 limit contact with animals until more information is known about the new coronavirus.

Service animals should be permitted to remain with their handlers. If possible, a household member should be designated to care for pets in the home and should follow standard handwashing practices before and after interacting with the household animal. If a person with COVID-19 must care for pets, they should ensure they wash their hands every time before and after caring for pets.

Care for household animals that are sick or injured should be coordinated with the household's local veterinarian. If the owner is a COVID-19 case and is unable to find an alternative caretaker to bring the pet to the vet, please contact Westport Animal Control at 774-264-5129.

For additional information regarding COVID-19 and animals, please click the links below;

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#COVID19animals>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/animals.html>