

# Recommendations for Pets and Livestock During COVID-19

Infectious disease experts and multiple international and domestic human and animal health organizations agree there is no evidence at this point to indicate that pets become ill with COVID-19 or that they spread it to other animals or people. However, in keeping with social distancing protective measures and working proactively to combat the spread of COVID-19, we share the following recommendations for pet and livestock owners and others in the animal industry:

- When handling animals, always wash your hands before and after you interact with them
- Contact your local veterinarian if your animals present clinical signs such as fever, lethargy, coughing.
- Prepare for a family member or trusted person to care for your animals if you are required to go into isolation. Maintain an easily accessible current list on feeding instructions, medication, and other regimes for your animals.
- If you become infected with COVID-19, refrain from close contact with your animals during that time. If you must handle pets while sick, wear gloves, and a face mask.
- Organize a 14-day supply of your animal's food, medication, and other supplies as a preparedness measure.
- For livestock, ensure that you have extra hay, grain, and bedding well-stocked in your barn. Also, consider maintaining your hay and water troughs at full capacity. This way, there is a guaranteed supply of food and water, if you do become sick and must avoid animal care for a short time frame.