



Advisory On COVID-19 in relation to Farm Animals & Pets



Facts

- As per OIE latest update, animals like cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, chickens, pigs and pets including dogs and cats don't show any important part in the epidemiology of COVID-19.
- As per CDC and OIE, no evidence till date suggests that pets spread COVID-19 to people.
- Positive findings in companion animals were 'isolated cases' associated with close contact with humans positive for COVID-19.
- World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and World Veterinary Association (WVA) advocate that specific activities of Veterinary Services are considered as essential services.
- Now telemedicine has been approved by Government of Haryana, so contact your local Veterinarian through phone for any help.

Animal Owner/Pet parent

- Animal owners/pet parents should practice good hygiene before and after feeding, watering or handling the animals/pets.
- Bathing cattle and buffaloes with water daily at home is advisable.
- Daily cleaning and disinfecting premises where animals are kept is recommended.
- Regularly groom your pet at least twice a day.
- Properly clean and dry pet's food and water bowls as well as bedding and toys.
- Only visit Veterinary hospital in case of real emergency.
- Avoid travelling with your animals/pets.
- Avoid walking outside home with your pet. Indoor activities/exercises can be adopted by pet parents to keep pets active and healthy.
- Sweeping/mopping of area where animals are kept twice daily with 7% Lysol or 0.5 % sodium hypochlorite* can be adopted.
- 7% Lysol Spray or 0.5 % sodium hypochlorite can be also be used as spray in places where farm animals are kept.

**1 part household bleach with 5% sodium hypochlorite to 9 parts water can also be used*

