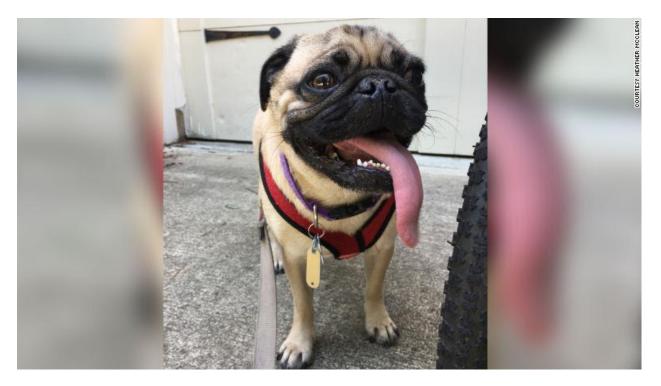


Coronavirus and Animals – Science Update from JDPC



<u>News from the Centers for Disease Control – Issued 4/28/2020</u> DOGS Can Get Coronavirus + New CDC Social Distancing Recommendations for Pets

Last week we shared the news that cats have contracted coronavirus from Covid-positive humans. Today we are sharing with you that **dogs have picked it up from humans, too**. Please read the links below for more details.

The positive news is that the dogs and cats reported to have contracted Covid-19 in the US appear to have shown milder symptoms than humans and seem to recover. But I think it is important to note that much is unknown about this virus, including its ultimate impact on our pets.

One thing science has been pretty clear on: there is no evidence that our pets can pass the virus to humans via sneezing, coughing, slobbering (:>), or other forms of shedding pathogens. However, if the virus is on their fur or collar or leash that has been touched by a person with Covid-19 (who could be asymptomatic), it could be passed on through surface transmission....just like touching anything could.

That's why it's especially important to listen to the CDC's new guidance on social distancing for pets. A link to this article is also included below. The CDC is saying to keep your pets at home so they cannot be accidental transmitters from people touching them. Secondly, they are saying that a pet could come down with coronavirus themselves by being around people. So the STAY AT HOME recommendation/order/suggestion (what are we calling it now?) applies to our pets, too, for some very important reasons!!

Here are two articles about the pug in North Carolina, who is believed to be the first dog in the US to test positive for coronavirus:

https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/28/us/coronavirus-us-pug-wellness-trnd/index.html

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/animal-news/pug-north-carolina-tests-positive-coronavirusmay-be-first-dog-n1194096

Here is a new article on recommendations from the CDC on social distancing for pets:

https://www.startribune.com/cdc-says-pets-should-social-distance/570012592/

Please pass this on to anyone and everyone you can think of who owns a pet or knows someone who owns a pet (granddogs or grandcats, anyone?). We need to keep each other informed for the sake of our furry loved ones and ourselves.

We love you! We love your dogs! We will see you soon!

Keep the faith,

Carol and Brad and the whole JDPC Team