



OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY

Talking Points for Coronavirus COVID-19

Friday, March 6, 2020

OHS is following the latest recommendations from the Oregon Health Authority and the CDC.

- The shelter is continuing normal operations and we have many wonderful pets looking for loving homes.
- It's important to know that, to date, there have not been any cases of dogs or cats becoming sick with the new coronavirus, COVID-19. There is also no evidence of people catching the virus from companion animals. However, it's always a good idea to wash your hands after being around animals.
- Our facilities team uses hospital -grade disinfectant throughout the shelter, and high-touch areas are being cleaned daily.
- There are hand washing stations and hand sanitizer throughout the shelter. Any visitors to OHS are encouraged to wash their hands or sanitize between touching animals to prevent the spread of any illness.
- OHS is asking employees who are sick to stay home. We are also reminding employees to practice good hand hygiene, cover coughs and sneezes and get a flu shot.
- We have plans in place to make sure OHS animals are cared for in the event of an emergency.
- OHS encourages all pet-owners to have an emergency plan in place for their pets. Make sure pets are wearing proper identification; have crates and extra food or supplies on hand; and identify a trusted family member, friend or pet sitter who can care for your pet if you become ill or are hospitalized.